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GEM OF A MOVE FOR DIAMOND BUS OWNER WITH TAKEOVER

One of Rotala's Diamond Bus buses

ROTALA, the owner of Black Country-based Diamond Bus, is spending £1 million on the takeover of Stourbridge firm Hansons.

A second £1m takeover deal, for an unnamed bus company in Manchester, is 'at an advanced stage of negotiation', says Rotala, while a pair of deals worth a total of £6.8m are also in the offing.

The Hansons deal will see the Stourbridge firm's buses and operations move to nearby Rotola depots and the Hansons depot in Hayes Lane, Lye, will be sold off.

Rotala is paying £575,000 to Hansons' owners and the rest of the £1m will be used to pay for "necessary working capital and capital expenditure associated with the acquisition". Hansons has assets of around £400,000 and generated £2m in revenue and £1.1m in gross profits in the year to the end of March.

The firm started life back in the early 1980s as a driver training operation originally based in Wordsley, near Stourbridge. It was established by Margaret Hanson who had continued to run the business with her daughter, Louise, until the sale.

It had transformed into a coach operator and then a bus business with around 25 vehicles. Hansons' bus operations are continuing as normal following the takeover.

Around 50 people work at the business and Rotala says the plan is to transfer them all across with no redundancies.

Consultation with staff started on Friday and they will move to Rotala depots at Kidderminster or Tividale. Rotala, which is based in Tividale, says the deal makes it the second biggest bus operator in the West Midlands after National Express.

The group has also announced the sale of 5.8 million new shares to raise £2m to fund the takeover of Hansons (Wordsley) Ltd and the other unnamed privately owned bus company, and raising £1.5m to pay for further acquisitions 'in the near to mid-term'. These include a larger bus company deal in Manchester and an airport-based hotel bus business. Rotala chairman John Gunn said: "The positive start to the year is testament to the progress that the group is making."

BOSS SAYS SORRY FOR A&E DELAYS

THE chief executive of Sandwell's NHS trust has apologised after it was revealed that more than 18,000 hospital patients were left waiting in A&E for more than four hours during the first six months of 2017.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust has failed to meet the nationwide target on A&E waiting times for the past two years and is continuing to struggle to get patients seen on time, although bosses have targeted reaching the 95 per cent target by next year.

By Richard Guttridge

However, figures show the problem has got worse over the past 12 months, with double the amount of patients waiting more than four hours in May and June compared to the same period in 2016.

Just 83 per cent of patients were treated within four hours in June – well below the 95 per cent target.

Health chiefs are aiming to reach 90 per cent by September and the 95 per cent NHS benchmark by next March.

Trust chief executive Toby Lewis said: "I apologise to patients who do spend longer with us than we would want, as we continue to prioritise patients based wholly on clinical need.

"We have put in place considerable efforts to reduce waiting times in A&E and in the last few weeks we have seen sustained improvement. However, we still fall short of our aim to cut by 50 the number of people waiting too long each day.

"We have seen a rise in the number of people attending our departments but we want to plan for that and meet need even when that happens.

"In the next few weeks a significant number of additional appointment slots with local general practice will be opened, which we very much hope will help to reduce the pressure on A&E and offer patients a more suitable model of care for their needs."

Figures showed a total of 18,119 people had waited more than four hours to be seen at Sandwell and City Hospitals up to July this year.

And the problem has not got better since the end of the winter period, a notoriously difficult time for hospitals.

The number of patients kept waiting over four hours climbed to a year high of 3,549 in May, falling slightly to 3,014 in June. That compares with 1,625 in June 2016.

Mr Lewis said waiting times were 'longer than we would all want' but that he was confident the issue would be addressed.

He said steps had already been taken to improve the situation, including increasing the amount of senior staff working up to 10pm.

Mr Lewis has been unequivocal over the need for change on waiting times, telling board members recently that 'we need to make it unacceptable and have a need to focus on that target'.

Children go quackers for fun day

Cruze Clinton, right, with Loren Clinton, Lacy Parker, Danielle Whitehouse, Mia Jones, Sam Hillier, Ava Thomas

AN annual charity day which was set up by a mother has brought in yet more money for a hospital which cares for her son. Hundreds turned out for the event at the Gough Arms pub in West Bromwich, which has grown bigger by the year.

Entertainment included bouncy castles, trampolining and face painting – with this year's event raising £1,145 for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

The charity day has become a regular event and was the sixth time it had been held at the pub. More than £10,000 has been raised over the years for the hospital, which provides ongoing care for Kelly Wiggetts-Clinton's son Cruze, aged seven, who was diagnosed with two holes in his heart when he was 18 months old.

Kelly, from West Bromwich, said: "It has been an amazing day. The support this year has been overwhelming. It started off the first year with a little cake bake stall and a couple of other little things. I want to say a massive thanks to my friends and family, I couldn't put it on without them, and also to the Gough Arms.

MOTORWAY

Huge delays as M5 works cause chaos

COMMUTERS faced traffic chaos as the first week of major roadworks caused huge tailbacks. Drivers faced delays of more than half an hour on Monday, with the roadworks scheme on the M5 between junctions one and two for West Bromwich and Oldbury also impacting on the Birmingham New Road, where delays stretched back to Tividale.

The project to repair Oldbury viaduct has stepped up a gear, with a contraflow system now in place. All traffic has been moved onto the northbound carriageway between junctions one and two, with two lanes running in each direction.

The motorway has also been cut to two lanes from junction three at Halesowen.

POLICE

Boys arrested over tower block blaze

TWO boys aged 12 and 15 have been arrested in connection with a fire at a block of flats in Tipton which saw tenants having to be rescued from windows.

Around 40 people were evacuated from the Greenlawns flats on Thursday night. The two boys, who were arrested on suspicion of arson, have been released on bail, along with another boy, aged 16, who was arrested on Friday.

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DEVELOPMENT

Nine town houses planned at pub site

NINE town houses are planned for the site of a derelict pub, it has been revealed.

Plans have been lodged to knock down the Cottage Inn, on Hobs Road, Wednesbury, and replace it with the large properties, along with five apartments. The pub has fallen into disrepair, having been empty for around 10 years and has regularly become a target for fly-tippers and arsonists.

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Woman who helped murderers jailed

Sentence – Selina Simms

A WOMAN who helped two men convicted for murdering Birmingham teen Kenichi Phillips to evade justice has been jailed for three years.

Selina Simms is the mother of Disharn Downie, 19, and partner of Isaiah Wright-Young, 37, who are both serving life sentences for shooting Kenichi as he sat in a car in St Marks Crescent, Ladywood in March 2016.

Downie was convicted and jailed in November 2016, but Wright-Young went into hiding and was found in Dudley seven months later. He was jailed in April earlier this year.

Simms, aged 42 from Gravel Bank, Bartley Green, stood trial at Birmingham Crown Court where she was found guilty of two counts of assisting an offender.

Over the six day trial, the jury heard how Simms used several different unregistered mobile phones following the murder of Kenichi to stay in touch with her son and partner to impede their apprehension. She was present as they prepared to go on the run and there is clear evidence of contact between the three of them in the days and weeks following the murder.

Det Insp Jim Munro, said: "This is another victory in the hunt to bring all those connected to the death of Kenichi Phillips to justice. Kenichi was just 18-years-old with his whole life before him when he died. His family have been through two trials to see his murderers brought to justice. Guns have no place on our streets."

Simms was convicted and sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court last Tuesday.

Blaze could have been next Grenfell – tenant

TERRIFIED tenants escaped through windows as a block of flats was engulfed by flames – with one resident saying, 'this could have been another Grenfell'.

Eight people were rescued from the building on St Mark's Road, Tipton, and around 40 were evacuated.

Residents trapped inside climbed down ladders put under windows by firefighters. A dramatic image showed smoke pouring into the sky as raging flames spread up the side of the Greenlawns block. A schoolboy was arrested on Friday, on suspicion of starting the blaze. Residents gathered on the street and several roads were closed after the fire started at around 10pm on Thursday.

All tenants managed to get out of the building. Paramedics treated a man and a woman for smoke inhalation and no-one else was hurt.

A mother of three, who gave her name as Kez, said she feared mass casualties similar to the Grenfell Tower blaze in London.

The 32-year-old said: "This fire could have turned out like the Grenfell Tower. I can't go back into the flat because of the damage."

Traumatised

Mother-of-two Christine Borton, aged 43, lives in a neighbouring block.

She said she saw a woman looking out of a window of the affected building, as the fire burned above her. She said: "It brought back memories of Grenfell. I'm really traumatised and shaken."

Janice Smith, the freeholder of the flat, told of chaos as tenants fled. She said: "I'm so thankful nobody got hurt. Buildings can be put right, but lives can't. There was around six or seven fire engines, ambulances, everybody came out."

Three tenants slept at Tipton Sports Academy, while others stayed with friends and family. West Midlands Police said a 16-year-old boy had been arrested on suspicion of arson.

A total of 28 firefighters tackled the blaze. Andy Smith, station commander at West Bromwich fire station, said: "The front section of the block, the part looking from the road, is unaffected. We have got people back in those nine flats there." Sandwell Council leader Steve Eling said: "Council officers were at the scene helping with evacuating and supporting residents."

The dramatic image of the fire in progress at Greenlawns block

One of the fire engines seen in attendance at the site in St Mark's Road, Tipton

Heroic bus driver wins award for saving boy

BUS driver Desmond Johnson has been presented with an Outstanding Act of Good Citizenship Award after helping to save the life of a teenager who was thrown under his bus

The victim was hit by a car and ended up under the bus. Mr Johnson, a driver in Perry Barr, crawled underneath and looked after the youngster until the paramedics arrived.

Mr Johnson

He said: "He had some serious injuries, but I just kept him distracted – talking about football and music until the ambulance arrived.

"I just acted instinctively and did what any parent would do for a child in distress. I know that all of my colleagues would have done the same. The great news is that he has since gone on to make a full recovery."

David Jamieson, the West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner, presented Mr Johnson with the award. He said: "My awards are an opportunity to highlight some truly exceptional people."

Madi Pilgrim, director of HR for National Express, said: "Everyone at National Express is very proud of Desmond. He kept calm and did the right thing."

Chipping in for school tidy-up

PUPILS, parents and staff came together to help give a lick of paint to a school building before the summer break.

The work at Grove Vale Primary School in Great Barr saw pupils chip in as part of the school's GV50 day.

School council leader Julie Bradbury said: "We did a massive GV50 day. All the school got involved, both primary and junior, and did lots of activities to clear up the outside of the school.

"The pupils painted wood, painted benches collected rubbish, did general gardening – anything that needed a bit of TLC. It was a big job, a general clean up.

"The kids did a great job, it was brilliant. They loved it as they had to put their skills to the test outside the classroom. They're so used to do things on paper so they used the skills that they've got from there."

Professor's top role

A UNIVERSITY of Birmingham professor, Karim Raza, has been appointed Arthritis Research UK's chair of rheumatology in the city. An honorary consultant at Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, he said: "It is an honour and a privilege."

Economic boost for town with trader levy

ALMOST £350,000 is expected to be invested into regeneration projects to boost an historic town.

Businesses in Wednesbury voted in favour of setting up a Business Improvement District, which sees traders pay a levy towards a cash pot to be spent on improvements in the market town.

More than two thirds of traders who took part in the ballot voted in favour of Wednesbury having a BID. This amounted to 54 votes in favour, out of a total of 79 businesses which took part in the ballot.

The move has been welcomed by ward councillors, who believe the BID will help to regenerate the area.

Wednesbury North councillor Peter Hughes said: "It is a good news story for Wednesbury. The BID will be good for businesses and good for the community. The money will be able to fund new planters around the town and additional CCTV. It will act as a springboard for other projects."

Councillor Hughes estimated the business group would generate £335,000 to be spent on Wednesbury. He added derelict shops which lie empty could open for businesses once again as a result of the funding.

The BID will be run by traders and be led by a controlling committee to enable traders to have more control over the town development and provide them with cash to fund projects.

Work placements on offer with BT

BT is offering free work placements to help young people in the Black Country get 'work ready' and prepared for their future careers.

The two and three-week courses, combine hands-on work experience with coaching and training, are open to 16-to-24-year-olds not in education, employment or training.

The next local courses are at BT's offices at 1 Providence Placein West Bromwich, from August 21 and at Network House, Goodall Street, Walsall, for three weeks from August 29.

Colin Bannon, of BT said: "BT work placements give local, young people the opportunity to experience the working day and gain invaluable insight."

Visit www.bt.com/workready

Insect workshop

A WORKSHOP to study insects up close is taking place at Hill Top Library, West Bromwich, next week. The Minibeasts Roadshow takes place on August 11, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Postcode lottery on life expectancy

LONG-TERM unemployment, rates of diabetes, proportions of obese children and life expectancy; when it comes to your health in the West Midlands and Staffordshire, it is a lottery depending on where you live.

As a Sandwell or Wolverhampton resident, you are twice as likely to be unemployed long-term, than those in Staffordshire.

While if you live in Walsall, you are more likely to have diabetes than anywhere else in Black Country. The information comes from health profiles for each area published by Public Health England. They show an inequality in health depending where people live. In Dudley, where life expectancy for men ranged almost 10 years across the borough, seven years for women, the council has been tasked with encouraging a healthy weight for residents and reducing the impact of poverty.

Public Health England has recently produced health profiles for each borough including Sandwell.

Councillor Elaine Costigan, Sandwell Council's public health and protection chief, said: "There is a lot in the profiles for us to celebrate.

"Our infant mortality rate (babies that die before the age of one) is lower this year than previous years. The council has worked in collaboration with Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust to improve our offer to pregnant smokers and to families with young children.

"Teenage pregnancy in Sandwell continues to drop and is falling faster than the rest of the country and the number of new sexually transmitted infections has also fallen since last year. The council has improved access to young people's contraceptive and sexual health advice.

"However, we know we have a real challenge around obesity. The percentage of both adults and children who are overweight is higher than the rest of the country and has increased even more this year. The council's public health department has been working in collaboration with schools to reduce the amount of sugar that children eat and drink at school and to increase physical activity."

For more information visit www.healthysandwell.co.uk

Have-a-go hero martial arts expert foiled raid

A HAVE-A-GO hero bravely snatched a hammer from a hooded robber's grip to foil a raid at a Wednesbury bank.

Om Bhatia tackled drug addict Brian Maughan to the floor, forcing the weapon from his hand.

The martial arts expert, who runs Walsall DIY in West Bromwich Street, is set to receive £200 for taking on the crook at Wednesbury's Lloyds Bank.

Sitting at Birmingham Crown Court, Judge Paul Farrer QC praised the father-of-four, saying: "He acted in an extremely courageous way and placed himself in considerable personal risk. He deserves recognition for that."

Maughan was locked up for six years for robbing the Walsall Street branch as well as Ladbrokes at The Arcadian, Birmingham.

The court heard the robber strolled into the bank in a grey hooded jacket, before threatening branch manager Elaine Grimley while brandishing the claw hammer.

Counter

The 26-year-old forced her to hand over £300 before demanding more cash from the petrified woman on April 27.

Mr Bhatia, who was standing at the counter, then bravely jumped in and wrestled the weapon away from the unsuspecting criminal before other onlookers tripped Maughan up. Customers then pounced on Maughan as he tumbled to the ground, managing to hold him down until police arrived, prosecutor Mr Richard Franck said.

Ms Grimley revealed the robbery had left staff at the branch 'shocked'.

Maughan, who had committed 109 offences, also terrified a Ladbrokes employee, ambushing them while they were cashing-up on December 27 last year.

The knife-wielding robber hurled abuse at the staff member, demanding cash and threatening to 'slice' him.

Maughan, of no fixed abode, managed to flee the betting shop with £1,000. Defence barrister Miss Sharonjit Bahia said Maughan was remorseful. He admitted two counts of robbery.

Fuchsia's bright for Dennis's garden

Retired builder, Dennis Amos pictured in his beautiful garden in Farm Road, Oldbury

A RETIRED builder has transformed his garden into a blooming delight. Dennis Amos, aged 72, only began to sow seeds in his greenhouse a few years ago. Now he has around 18 different varieties of plants in 20 pots and 32 hanging baskets.

Mr Amos, from Farm Road, Oldbury, is especially proud of his begonias which are bursting with bright colours. He said: "This year is the best yet. I was really excited when I saw all the colour. Begonias are my speciality. I am amazed with it this year as all the plants look superb.

"I have only started doing this since I retired and it makes the garden look incredibly beautiful and shining."

Before the grandfather-of-four retired he would only keep his lawn and borders tidy at his 100ft by 30ft garden. Now it is a picturesque paradise.

His flowers range from geraniums, trailing sweet peas and petunias, fuchsias, lobelia, marigolds and pansies. This year, Mr Amos was even set back in perfecting his garden by three months due to ill health.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Homes hope for old council sites

HOMES could be built on disused council sites across Birmingham in a bid to tackle the city's housing shortage. The city council has agreed proposals to identify council-owned sites no longer needed and free them up for development.

Bosses are aiming 200 of its void properties over the next four years.

Council Leader John Clancy said: "Housing transforms lives and transforms futures. It has an impact on people's physical and mental health, it has impacts on education and much more. Providing people with better, more secure and more affordable homes is a big priority."

Cannabis valued at £13,000 seized

POLICE seized dozens of cannabis plants worth more than £13,000 in Wednesbury.

A total of 33 plants were seized following the raid at a property on July 26. Police officers from Wednesbury took to Twitter to announce the find.

The @WednesburyWMP account tweeted: "#hotgrids 33 Cannabis plants seized from Wednesbury Town # @sandwellcouncil"

A photograph taken from the scene showed cannabis plants situated in black pots in a room, where the carpet had been covered by a white sheet.

Hospice provides support at home

A HOSPICE providing care to individuals and families living with terminal illness has launched a 'Support at Home' scheme across Birmingham and Sandwell.

The new service at Birmingham St Mary's Hospice will see trained volunteers visit individuals in their homes to offer friendly companionship and a listening ear, as well as help them attend GP visits, support with correspondence and assist in finding services that could provide additional aid.

Visit www.birminghamhospice.org.uk

Health trust looks for new governors

NEW governors are being sought by the Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust.

Applicants, over 16, are needed to represent Birmingham/Solihull and the wider West Midlands region. Nominations can be made until noon on August 11. Visit bwc.nhs.uk/governors or email bwc.foundationtrustoffice@nhs.net or call 0121 333 8433.

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Four in five happy with rail journey

MORE than four in five rail passengers in the West Midlands are satisfied with their journeys, according to a new survey.

Some 92 per cent of users said they were satisfied with Virgin Trains' service and 84 per cent with London Midland – slightly higher than the national average.

Overall 83 per cent of people were satisfied with their last train journey according to Transport Focus' spring survey of 27,000 passengers.

This is an increase of three per cent compared with the same period last year and is the joint-highest figure since autumn 2012.

More students are proving first class

UNIVERSITIES across the West Midlands have seen a rise in the number of students gaining first class degrees.

Data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency found that the University of Wolverhampton has seen the biggest rise in figures.

In 2010/11, 10.3 per cent of students gained first class honours and that has now risen 13.8 per cent in 2015/16, with 24 per cent of students making the grade.

Across the UK the proportion of first class degrees being handed out has soared, with a third of institutions now grading at least one in four with a top honour.

Snap to it and join photo challenge

YOUNG people are being urged to get snapping during the school holidays and enter their photos into the RSPCA's Young Photographer Awards.

Entries can depict a bug, a bird or a big, beautiful mammal, as photos of any kinds of wildlife and animals are welcome.

For the first time there will be a prize given for the best photograph taken on a mobile phone. The deadline for entries is 4pm on August 18. Go to www.rspca.org.uk/ypa/17

Authority has new director of finance

THE latest key appointment to its executive top tier has been announced by West Midlands Combined Authority.

Sean Pearce was named as director of finance for the authority, joining a team led by £187,000-a-year chief executive Deborah Cadman. Mr Pearce was chief financial officer at Worcestershire County Council for six years. He will start in the autumn.

Tools theft failed to dampen spirits

"I HOPE they find a conscience and realise what they have done was wrong – least of all to steal off us while we were working on such a inspirational project."

Those were the words of landscaper Brett Bradford who had £4,000 of tools stolen by crooks while carrying out work for DIY SOS. Grinders, saws, drills and screws were among the expensive equipment taken from the back of his van, parked just around the corner from the project build house on Livingstone Road, West Bromwich.

He said: "I returned to my van at about 11am and couldn't believe it.

"We were on such a high from everything going on and the incredible work that had taken place and then to have that happen felt like being hit by a sledge hammer. It's frustrating and left us angry, but the atmosphere on this job has been incredible for such a worthy cause – so we won't let it dampen our spirits."

When news broke that tools had been stolen as part of the build, local tradesman were quick to come forward to show their support. Kind-hearted businessman Satnam Singh Sagoo, from BSJ Fixings in Wednesbury, came forward to replace some of the lost tools."

Brett Bradford, centre with Satnam Singh and Pally Singh

Tears and cheers as DIY SOS project ends

Report by Clare Butler

THERE was not a dry eye in sight, as crowds gathered to see a Black Country witness their new-look home transformed by the DIY SOS team and an army of volunteers.

Builders, brickies, electricians, plumbers, painters and decorators were among the 300 workmen who transformed the modest West Bromwich two-bed home after hearing of the sudden death of young mother Crystal Chambers.

Crystal died in October 2015 aged 32 after being diagnosed with terminal cancer just weeks beforehand, leaving behind two young children Deago, nine and Ameira, three. Without home insurance, or owning a home, her children were left in the care of Crystal's grieving mother, Sandra.

Cramped

They then moved in with Sandra and her 19-year-old son, Ziggy, in the cramped house in Livingstone Road.

But since the arrival of the DIY SOS team a two-storey extension has been built – to give an extra upstairs bedroom and more space in Sandra's – along with dining space for the family and a downstairs toilet.

The family were over the moon to see the results of the nine-day project.

The back garden has also been transformed with an artificial surface for the children to play on and the front drive has been landscaped and paved.

Sandra, who has worked in care for most of her life, said: "I am absolutely overwhelmed. I can't express my thanks and gratitude to the members of the team and all the community for what they have done. If Crystal could see this she would love it."

Presenter Nick Knowles, who said: "We could not have done a build for a more deserving family."

Presenter Nick Knowles with Sandra, Ziggy, left, Deago, aged nine, and Ameira, three, and the army of volunteers

Hugs as the project in West Bromwich is completed

Cameras were not allowed to see inside the home

Reprieve on holidays to Tunisia with changeover

UK TOUR operators can resume selling holidays in Tunisia for the first time since the Sousse massacre after the Government changed its travel advice.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has advised against all but essential visits to the country for the past two years following the June 2015 beach attack in which 30 Britons – including three members of the same Black Country family – were killed.

Joel Richards, 19, his uncle Adrian Evans, and grandfather Patrick Evans were all murdered at the resort.

The FCO announced last Wednesday that it has withdrawn the advice for the capital Tunis and major tourist resorts.

The UK continues to advise against 'all travel' and 'all but essential travel' to some areas of the country, including those nearer the Libyan border.

A statement posted on Facebook by the Smile for Joel charity, which was set up by Joel's mother Suzy Evans, said: "The travel advice [has] changed for Tunisia from 'all but essential travel' to 'check before travel'.

"It's still very important for the public to understand that green (for any country) does not mean 'safe to go', it means no embargo and check before travel.

"Lots of mixed feelings about this news, especially knowing that tour operators still do not audit hotels on their security procedures.

"All we can hope is that the Government and the travel industry have put 'safety before a sale'."

Awards recognise grassroots game

VOLUNTEERS in grassroots football have been rewarded for their work.

BBC presenter Jenny Wilkes hosted Birmingham County Football Association's annual awards at St Andrew's. More than 100 volunteers were in attendance, representing a total of 18 clubs, leagues or football organisations.

Winners included Tipton Youth for FA Charter Standard Development Club of the Year.

Walsall College won Birmingham County Football Association education project of the year.

Kevin Shoemake, chief executive officer of Birmingham FA, said: "It was a fantastic evening which really highlighted the amazing people we have involved in the grassroots game around the region."

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Blooming busy time for town's gardeners

KEEN gardeners in Wednesbury have been getting their borders and baskets in fine fettle in time for the town's gardening competition.

They have entered the Wednesbury In Bloom classes for best garden, best plants, hanging baskets and business properties.

Judging is taking place this week and prizes are to be presented at the Wednesbury in Bloom Presentation Day at Wednesbury Town Hall, which runs from 11am to 4pm on Saturday. The Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Ahmadul Haque, will present awards at 12 noon and there will also be a variety of stalls and displays.

Local councillors are proud of the fine displays put on by gardeners throughout the town.

Councillor Pam Hughes, town lead member for Wednesbury, said the competition had created a lot of interest and had been organised to help improve civic pride around the town.

"We have some excellent gardeners in the town and it is great to see the way they brighten up the area with their floral displays," she said.

Councillor Steve Melia, adviser to the Wednesbury in Bloom committee, added: "We were very impressed with the high standards last year.

"There are some very good gardeners in Wednesbury who are very proud of their efforts to brighten up the town."

Three in court on car theft charges

THREE men have appeared in court on car theft charges. It relates to a Ford Fiesta Titanium stolen from Hales Lane, Smethwick, on July 21, and a Fiesta and Vauxhall Astra, taken in Pheasey, between July 4 and 5.

Luke Hodgson, aged 19, from Lower Higley Close, Quinton, and Joseph Brennan, 20, from Tamerton Road, Bartley Green, Birmingham, were charged with aggravated vehicle taking, dangerous driving and driving whilst disqualified at Dudley Magistrates Court. Ronan Lewis, 18, from Goodman Street, Ladywood, is accused of going equipped to steal.

Jacob Brown, 24, of Bowling Green Lane, Handsworth, will appear on August 8 charged with taking without consent.

Keep on dancing

A DANCE class for the over 50s launches in West Bromwich next week. Keep Dancing takes place at West Bromwich Community Centre from Monday, August 7. The first session is free.

Summer fun in the pool goes swimmingly

The This Girl Can Swim campaign

SANDWELL Council has two great initiatives to get people involved in swimming this summer. The council has teamed up with This Girl Can Swim campaign to help women get involved in swimming in Sandwell.

The new This Girl Can Swim campaign offers sessions to women and girls aged over 14, who are looking to get active in a fun and friendly environment. There will be female motivators, space on poolside for towels, high-powered hairdryers, requested music and more, offering a brilliant opportunity for women to meet new people, socialise, and feel body confident.

It costs £4 per session and takes place on Tuesdays from 1pm to 2pm at West Bromwich Leisure Centre (WBLC). Sessions are free for those who are already a member at WBLC.

Meanwhile, Sandwell residents aged 16 and under and older people aged 60 and over can register for free swimming at any of Sandwell's leisure centres across the borough.

The free swimming programme is available to all residents who meet the criteria and you need to register and provide proof of address at the facility if you haven't previously.

Councillor Elaine Costigan, cabinet member for public health and protection, said: "We are excited to be getting involved in the This Girl Can Swim campaign which has a great reputation in inspiring and motivating women of all ages and backgrounds to get active and have fun doing it.

"Swimming is a great form of exercise and provides a relaxing and enjoyable way to unwind and improve health and wellbeing."

Mindless killer gets life for brutal attack on bus

A MINDLESS and dangerous criminal has been taken off the streets said detectives praising the life sentence of killer on the bus Kieran Gillespie.

He must serve a minimum of 26 years for the murder of Leon Barrett-Hazle, from Smethwick, with a pair of scissors on the No 11A bus.

Det Insp Warren Hines said: "This was a completely mindless killing of a man who had done nothing out of the ordinary, the ferocity of the attack coupled with Gillespie's nonchalant actions in the aftermath were particularly troubling.

"My abiding hope is that Leon's family find some small comfort in today's conviction and that the people of Birmingham feel reassured that a really dangerous, unstable individual is off the streets."

Gillespie, aged 26, was convicted of murder following a week and a half long trial at Birmingham Crown Court. Gillespie, from Wellesbourne Road, Handsworth, was sentenced to life in prison.

Argument

Gillespie got on the No 11A bus at Perry Barr on January 23 and went upstairs, where Mr Barrett-Hazle was already sitting, the court heard.

Words were exchanged and Gillespie got out of his seat and went up to Mr Barrett-Hazle, where there was a short argument before Gillespie stabbed the victim multiple times. Gillespie then walked off the bus, while other passengers ran to Mr Barrett-Hazle's aid and alerted the driver.

He then walked back onto the bus to retrieve his baseball bat, before calmly walking away.

Despite emergency CPR given to the victim at the scene, he died from his injuries.

Mr Barrett-Hazle's family paid tribute to him after Thursday's sentencing by saying they had been left devastated by the loss of a 'wonderful, warm, kind, generous of heart and much loved' family man. A post mortem revealed the fatal stab wound was to his neck.

Police immediately launched a major man hunt and released CCTV images of the offender who had been caught on CCTV installed on the bus. As a result Gillespie was identified and on January 25 handed himself into police. The court heard how he had lashed out after 'seeing red'.

Police at the scene in Rookery Road affter the stabbing which took place on January 23

Leon Barrett-Hazle was stabbed with scissors

Killer – Kieran Maclean Gillespie has been jailed

NEWS IN BRIEF

MP's backing for amnesty on ivory

WARLEY MP John Spellar has backed a campaign to help protect elephants from slaughter for the illegal ivory trade.

Members of the public are being invited to surrender their own ivory which will be destroyed as part of a campaign to close the UK's ivory market and save elephants from the threat of extinction.

The scheme is being run by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), which is aiming for a domestic ban on the ivory trade.

Labour MP Mr Spellar said: "I am very pleased to support this important IFAW initiative."

Chernobyl children families needed

BLACK Country families are being sought to host children still affected by contamination from the 1986 Chernobyl radiation disaster.

The Friends of Chernobyl are entertaining seven Belarusian youngsters who are travelling 1,700 miles to the UK for the trip of a lifetime.

The charity targets children aged seven-to-12 who then stay with local families for a four-week recuperative break. The charity is seeking new host families for next year and volunteers to help fundraise throughout the year. See www.foccblackcountry.org.uk

Housing passed at industrial site

A MULTI-million pound plan to bulldoze an industrial estate and replace it with 70 homes has been given the go-ahead.

A total of 53 houses and 17 apartments will be built at the former United Springs site in West Bromwich.

Dilapidated warehouses will be pulled down and the site, at New Swan Lane, Black Lake, transformed.

The proposals have been approved by Sandwell Council and the development has been welcomed by West Bromwich MP Adrian Bailey.

Safety warning issued over summer weather

HEALTH chiefs in Sandwell have urged parents to keep their children safe and cool during warm weather.

Parents have been asked to put measures in place to keep homes cool but ensure windows are not left open where children can reach or climb up to them.

Councillor Elaine Costigan said: "We want to warn parents of the dangers of open windows and want to make sure they keep children safe."

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Electric cars can lead to problems

SHOWING that it hasn't lost its knack for capturing the public mood and getting to grips with the burning subject that is on everybody's mind, the Government has announced it will be banning the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2040.

The future, it seems, is in silent, shiny electric cars, not those noisy, old-fashioned gas guzzlers. Which is rather odd, because electric cars have been around since the 1850s, and Wolverhampton industrialist Thomas Parker was one of the world's leading producers of them in the second half of the 19th century. We're hardly talking cutting edge technology.

And the reason why they didn't really catch on was because petrol and diesel power were much more efficient. Plus you don't have to trail a lead down 14 storeys if you live in a tower block.

Perhaps we need to invest in our infrastructure a little, you know, metal slots down the middle of the road, and hand-held throttles to control the speed. Maybe a plastic lap counter in the pit-stop to see how fast you're going. Let's hope they don't decide we need to move over to electric ships and aeroplanes. The extension cables will be massive.

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SPARE a thought for poor Clare Balding, having to get by on £200,000 a year for presenting commentaries on show-jumping and dressage.

Clare is one of 40 female BBC staff who have written complaining about pay inequality following the revelation that some of the corporation's male stars are being paid millions.

While it is ridiculous to suggest that Michal Husain, who is still learning the ropes, should be paid the same as veteran John Humphries, the malcontents do have a point. Is Gary Lineker really worth as much as 10 female sports presenters? Of course not.

No doubt, the BBC will spend the next few years navel-gazing about how to address this inequality, but the solution is simple, even if it is not what I suspect Balding & Co have in mind. Pay them all less. If the prime minister can manage on £150,000 a year, then so can Gary Lineker. And Clare Balding for that matter.

And if, as the argument goes, it means they are poached by ITV offering more money, what's the problem? I don't suppose the viewers care what channel they watch the football or horse-dancing on.

The BBC keeps telling us its role is to make unique programmes that the private sector would never provide. Fine, so get on with it. And leave the big-money, populist programmes to the private companies.

Website may say dry but really it's chucking it down

Kate on tour has raised claim that trips would be better if we had a Royal Yacht

Chancellor Philip Hammond – is he the target for the poison darts?

Jasper Carrott is due to go under the knife for major heart surgery next month

It's whether we can believe what we read

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

USING something called a supercomputer, the Met Office tells us we must expect record winter rainfall "over the next few years." By pure coincidence, this announcement came as I was consulting the BBC weather website which told me that, at that very moment, my postcode was dry and would remain so all morning. It was chucking it down. I have a lot of time for the Met Office. Looking ahead two or three days, it is much more accurate than it ever used to be. But there are times when it doesn't even know what the weather is doing now. And guesstimating what the weather will be doing years from now is like trying to nail seaweed to a pinecone.

AFTER a couple of spinal twinges, I typed "bad back" into Google and found this: "You know you're getting old when your back goes out more than you do."

THE nationwide obesity epidemic doesn't affect only humans. A reader saw a couple setting off with their plump labrador for a walk in the Yorkshire Dales. The first stile through the dry-stone wall was one of those ancient ones, made with two upright stones and a narrow gap between. The labrador was too fat to squeeze through and too heavy to lift over. End of walk.

THE successful European tour by Prince William, Kate and the kids has inevitably raised the claim that trips like this would be much better if we had a Royal Yacht. Royalists get all misty-eyed at the memory of Her Majesty stepping ashore in foreign parts from the immaculately polished Britannia. Wouldn't it be grand to build Britannia II? No it wouldn't, for two reasons. The first is that even the biggest royal yacht would be dwarfed by some of the mega-vessels owned by the global elite of Middle East princes, Russian oligarchs, dodgy businessmen and Mr Bigs of the drug industry. The second reason is that we actually have a magnificent Royal Yacht which, conveniently, already carries the Queen's name. HMS Queen Elizabeth is our shiny new 65,000-ton aircraft carrier. For the next few years it will have no aircraft and no conceivable military purpose. Let us therefore paint it white, deck it with bunting, stuff the fridges full of Pimm's, fly the Royal Standard and send it around the world to spread goodwill. And if it accidentally bumps into one or two megayachts and sinks them, so much the better.

IN the debate on gender stereotyping, I referred recently to that ancient institution, the battle of the sexes. A reader tells me his strategy is total capitulation at every opportunity. He regularly asks his wife: "What do you want doing wrong next?"

CAN Theresa May and her wobbly, minority Government survive the entire length of a full Parliament, with its Cabinet members squabbling like schoolchildren in the playground?

The Cabinet is in an unprecedented state of disarray, with malcontent members aiming their poison darts at Chancellor Philip Hammond.

JASPER Carrott, 72, is going under the knife for major heart surgery next month, followed by three months of recuperation and I feel sure we all wish this great national treasure well. I interviewed him 12 years ago when he was 60 and in great form as he unveiled his first Rock With Laughter event in Birmingham. I can see him now, leaning forward in his chair conspiratorially, as though he was sharing some great medical secret. "You know, Pete," he smiled, "we're going to be the first generation that never grows old." Time has a great way of throwing that sort of prediction back in your face. Carrott and the rest of the babyboomers have had a great time on this planet but immortality has never been part of the deal. The closest today's seventy-somethings may get to Carrott's prediction is to become the first generation that never grows up. Which, it has to be said, is better than nothing.

WHITEHALL'S plan to ban petrol and diesel vehicles from our roads by 2040, announced a couple of days ago, is presumably based on the hope that technology will deliver stronger and longer-ranged electric vehicles. At present, it takes a brave, or extremely rich, motorist to invest £40,000 in a car with a range of only 150 miles and no towing capacity. Unless we get a new generation of electric engines, we can kiss goodbye to the joys of caravanning. And what becomes of the traveller community is anyone's guess. One contributor to the Caravan Club website writes glumly: "Now you know why the travellers have kept their horses."

MEANWHILE, some mathematically-minded folk have been doing the sums on how much power recharging several cars at the same time will demand from the average household wiring system. One Daily telegraph reader predicts "Circuit breakers would pop or wiring would melt." He wonders whether every house in the land will have to be rewired.

TALKING POINT

No excuse for lack of grace and social skills

IGNORANT, anti-social or just plain rude. Whatever you want to call it, it is bang out of order.

We bring up our children – or we should – to learn social skills as well as academic ones. Good manners, the ability to communicate politely, etc. Yes the occasional swear word may creep in, especially when some boy racer driver cuts you up on a corner, but on the whole constant swearing is just unacceptable.

These social skills are so important. No matter what academic talents a person may have first impressions count, and if they are not well mannered or smartly dressed for occasions such as a job interview in most cases they should be shown the door.

Recently back from a lovely holiday in France – and I am not mentioning this because of the Brexit debate – I noticed how many of the older people, my generation, are totally lacking in social graces.

They push in, never say pardon, and do not respond when you try to be friendly or help by opening doors for them.

They give the impression that they don't want you there. Maybe they don't, but they must remember that a lot of these areas are dependent on us tourists.

Family holidays there with our children were always treasured. It is a beautiful country and having quality time with the kids was always a treat – even though it did cost us a fortune in drinks and ice creams!

But this year I was shocked by the behaviour of the young parents. Take for instance, and we saw a lot of such examples, one couple eating out in a restaurant with their young children.

Both parents were glued to their mobile phones with no interaction with the children – or even with each other. It is often said that the worst thing you can do – worse even them telling off children – is to ignore them. They were obviously guilty as charged!

And what an example to set the young ones. It is no wonder that when the children get older they will be doing exactly the same thing, on their phones instead of talking to each other.

They sometimes say that families who eat together stay together but maybe not if most of the meal time is spent staring at their mobiles. Instead show them good manners and respect, listen to what they have to say and they too will show respect in return.

It will bode them well for their future.

SUE ATTWATER

It's now time to scrap the licence fee

WITH the recent revelation about what certain 'stars' and 'celebs' earn from the BBC many many people will undoubtedly be outraged at the amounts of money some are paid. Sure if you want the best programmes made by the best channel then you have to pay a premium, that is a given but what I in particular object to is who receives that premium.

Claudia Winkleman, someone who presents a dance show for a couple of weeks a year, does not dance, tell jokes, sing, or present historical programmes gets half a million pounds. Gary Lineker, a former millionaire footballer gets in excess of £1.7m and bragged about it, although he went on Twitter moaning how he wasn't the highest paid on the BBC. What sheer arrogance and conceitedness.

But what really rankled me was if you look closely at the BBC salary list you will see scores and scores of people on £200,000 for being an adviser or contributor to the corporation. No idea what a BBC contributor is but Dannii Minogue is one of them. Who has seen her on the BBC this year, and doing what?

The list includes unknown names on premium salaries for consultation roles, a thing we used to call 'jobs for the boys'. This sickening list shows that it isn't about what the stars get, but are they worth it, are they value for money?

In a cut throat market place I suggest not, and the sooner the licence fee was scrapped the better. It's about time these so-called stars were put on an equal footing with other media personnel and made to show their worth.

SHAUN HARRISON
West Bromwich

Gradients of driving annoyance

YES I did read your letter correctly 'P Cole of Kingswinford' (Express & Star, July 24). I see your point about overtaking on gradients, it happens, but care has to be taken when installing these prohibitions, which can result in serious congestion in the near or slow lane.

In a perfect world traffic would slot in and keep moving, but as every road user knows, ours is far from perfect. In the old days any driver worth his salt would know the capabilities of his vehicle and when to attempt to overtake uphill!

Today operators want max-fuel returns obviously. Manufacturers vie with each other to gain supremacy. All sorts of gear boxes, both automatic and manual, are offered, all sorts of gadgets click-in as engines reach their max.

Anyway P Cole, safe driving and keep well over to the left.

MALCOLM SAXON
Tipton

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Call to enforce law against travellers

SO the local councils have spent nearly a million pounds clearing up after travellers, who continue to cause chaos and confusion amongst our councillors and judicial system.

These people continue to make the lives of local rate payers a misery, leaving rubbish behind.

A spokesperson on the TV believed that having no permanent site was the main cause for the ongoing problem. Would the rubbish, etc, continue to mount up on these sites, or would they dispose of it like every other responsible resident? If the latter, why can't they do it now?

What needs to happen is for the government, local government, judicial system and police to enforce the law, confiscating vehicles to cover any costs incurred.

KEITH V JOYCE
Wednesbury

Presenters not value for money

IT'S surprising how cavalier the BBC is with our licence money, and how they have the audacity to keep asking for more, when they squander so many millions on presenters who really are not good value for money.

Match of the Day is about football. It is not about the pundits who are usually more interested in their ego rather than the match analysis that means nothing once the result has been finalised. How does the BBC argue value, when there is no real way of evaluating it?

Even more outrageous is that some celebrities have been found guilty of tax avoidance. Should a publicly funded broadcasting organisation subsidised by the tax payer be employing people who have tried and possibly avoided paying tax? It's time the BBC was accountable to the licence payer and we decided on a ceiling wage structure not the trustees of a company we subsidise.

S T VAUGHAN
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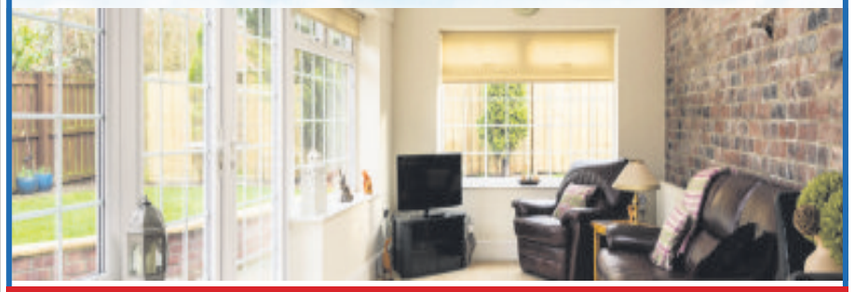

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Dave Allen with a photo of his father Harry, who led a rescue at the Dunkirk evacuation

Sgt Maj Allen on an anniversary victory parade in 1956

Fionn Whitehead in the film Dunkirk, directed by Christopher Nolan

Sgt Maj Harry Allen of South Staffordshire Regiment

The real-life heroes of Dunkirk evacuation

MEMORY LANE

By Alex Ross

IT was the greatest retreat in military history – an heroic operation by army servicemen and ordinary fisherman.

The dramatic story of how nearly 340,000 men were evacuated in 10 days from the beaches in France has now come to the silver screen. Dunkirk catalogues the moments that saved the war against the Nazis.

The retreat, the largest ever military evacuation, gave the Allies a chance to regroup and eventually turn the tide of the Second World War. It gave birth to the Dunkirk spirit. The bravery of the thousands of troops involved has been remembered ever since.

Among the 338,000 British and French soldiers rescued in navy ships and fishing vessels were some notable Black Country figures, including James Beattie Jr, grandson of James Beattie, who founded the famous Wolverhampton department store in 1877.

He was commander of a company of the South Staffordshire Regiment at Dunkirk before serving in South East Asia, when he attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He became Wolverhampton mayor in 1951, and also served as a magistrate and chairman of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace and on Commissioners of Income Tax.

His son-in-law, Michael Redshaw, aged 73, said his failure to ask more about the Lt Col Beattie's wartime service was one of his life regrets. Lt Col Beattie died aged 73 in 1988.

Also among the same regiment evacuated from the beach was Sergeant Major Harry Allen, born and raised in Wolverhampton. His son Dave Allen says Sgt Maj Allen was in an artillery unit alongside Lt Col Beattie, which was among the last to depart land for Britain. But the group was attacked by a German Stuka plane.

Mr Allen, 72, a music producer who lives in Perton, said: "They were the rear guard, defending the evacuation until a Stuka came down low and attacked them.

"My dad got shrapnel in his leg. I think James Beattie was also injured but my father helped him on to a vessel. Moments later it was bombed and they were all back in the water, where I think they got picked up again."

Like James Beattie, Sgt Maj Allen also went next to South East Asia, fighting the Japanese in Burma.

After the war, he carried out training for the army and in 1956 took part in an anniversary victory parade in Wolverhampton city centre.

He died in 1973, aged 59, after suffering a stroke while living in Church Road, Bradmore, leaving behind his wife Nancy, who later died in her 80s. They had four children, David, Margaret, Dorothy and Richard.

Ordered by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the Dunkirk evacuation, Operation Dynamo, took place over 10 days from May 27 to June 3, 1940. It was expected to last 48 hours and rescue only a few thousand troops.

James Beattie Junior pictured in 1988

Revenge drive-by killers are all sentenced to life

THREE men are starting life behind bars for the brutal killing of Carl Campbell, shot dead at traffic lights in revenge for an alleged robbery of a fake watch.

Mohammed Humza, Vikesh Chauhan and Jaspal Rai were given minimum terms of up to 30 years for the killing of Mr Campbell, from Wolverhampton, in the drive-by attack.

Judge Mr Justice Haddon-Cave said the killing was a planned attack in revenge for the alleged robbery of a watch. And the judge said he was satisfied they intended to kill Mr Campbell.

Roles

The three killers, who are from West Bromwich but of no fixed abode, remained expressionless as their sentences were handed down at Birmingham Crown Court.

Police say one witness described them as 'laughing, smiling and appearing quite happy with themselves' after the killing.

Gunman Humza, 20, had admitted murder part way through the trial, while accomplices Chauhan, 24, and Rai, 25, were found guilty of murder and possession of an offensive weapon. Chauhan and Rai will serve a minimum term of 30 years and Humza 28 and a half years, lower due to his guilty plea.

The trial heard how the three men decided to attack Mr Campbell, 33, from Low Hill, in revenge for an alleged robbery of a watch, which turned out to be fake.

Humza had never met Mr Campbell before launching his deadly attack, the court heard.

(Top left) Victim Carl Campbell, and the car he was shot in.
Bottom row: Killers Chauhan, Humza and Rai

Chauhan pulled up in an Audi 4x4 next to a Ford Fiesta stopped at traffic lights outside The Strollers pub in Dartmouth Street, West Bromwich, at 2.30pm on December 27 last year. Humza mercilessly fired five shots at it from the back seat, one striking front-seat passenger Mr Campbell in the face.

Mr Justice Haddon-Cave said: "Each had their respective, vital roles. Mohammed Humza as the shooter, Vikesh Chauhan as the driver and Jaspal Rai as the lookout.

"Five bullets were fired from a powerful handgun, a .44 magnum, and it was fired at close range, as little as 10-12 feet away.

"This shooting can only have intended to kill one or more people who were sitting in the Fiesta.

"It was fortunate the driver was not killed."

In a statement read to the court, Mr Campbell's partner and mother of their two-year-old child Chantelle Dudley said her 'heart aches constantly' following his death.

His father Julian Campbell said his 'world has fallen apart'.

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Body in boot murderer loses conviction appeal

A MOTHER-of-six who murdered her lover and then dumped his body in a boot has had an appeal against her conviction dismissed.

The body of Tanveer Iqbal, who ran Smethwick store Hi-Tech Music, was discovered in February last year in a cardboard box inside the boot of his Renault Clio, found abandoned in Edgbaston.

He had been strangled, and in September his former lover 37-year-old Zatoon Bibi and her ex-husband 44-year-old Gul Nawaz were found guilty of his murder, along with their 16-year-old son Kashim Nawaz.

Bibi claimed during her trial that she had nothing to do with the killing.

Background

She took her case to the Court of Appeal claiming there was extra evidence about her background and events in her life which might have helped her defence. But it took three top judges less than two minutes to reject her attempted appeal as "unarguable".

Sir Andrew Smith said Bibi, of Bridgebourne Road, Bartley Green, had put forward a defence at her trial which the jury "simply didn't believe".

Her arguments were a case of her "seeking to reargue her case" before appeal judges, he said.

He added there was no legal basis for challenging the jury's guilty verdict as extra evidence would not support the defence she ran at the trial.

The judge, sitting with Lady Justice Rafferty and Mr Justice Langstaff, dismissed Bibi's appeal application.

She faces a minimum of 27 years behind bars. Gul Nawaz is serving at least 25 years. n Kashim was detained for a minimum of six years.

Victim Tanveer Iqbal

Failed appeal – Zatoon Bibi

Firms battle for fit title

BUSINESSES can battle it out for a survival of the fittest-style contest in the Black Country. A new initiative aims to get employees fit and active, with the chance to become the region's sportiest workplace.

Firms are encouraged to sign up to the Workplace Challenge, launched by Active Black Country, which sees employees track their physical activity.

They are awarded points for doing exercise and these are tallied to give an overall score for their company. The business with the highest figure will win the Active Black Country title.

Active Black Country chairman Deborah Williams said: "We would love to see the Black Country business community take on the challenge."

Ian Carey, Active Black Country head of physical activity and sport, said: "Sport has always had the power to bring people together in a fun, friendly, competitive environment."

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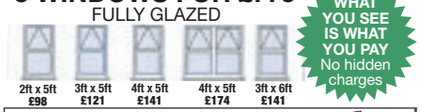

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Fun day towards theatre production

Joseph Sheppard, aged eight, Akshay Gaddu, 11, Sharnay Ebanks, nine, Charlotte Hale and Ieva Rakauskaite, both 10

A FUN day raised money for a not-for-profit children's theatre company.

Sea-Change Theatre Company put on the event at the Coneygre Centre on Sedgley Road East in Tipton to help raise money towards its next production.

The fun day included bobbing apples, hook a duck and a treasure hunt, raising around £400 for the musical production Money will also go towards hiring the Coneygre Centre as well as on lighting for the show.

Kierron Emery, 23, from Oldbury, who co-founded Sea-Change along with his former Oldbury Academy teacher Ann Cartwright, said: "The day included all stuff the kids had put together including hook a duck, shoot the target, treasure hunt, teddy bear raffle and apple bobbing."

3,000 over 90s still driving

MORE than 3,000 people aged 90 or over still hold driving licences in the West Midlands, new figures show.

There are 2,750 men and 979 women in their 90s who hold licences, a study by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency found.

It comes as national data showed 248 people aged over 100 still hold valid licences, compared with 100,281 over-90s. The West Midlands has the third highest number of over 90s with licences – behind Hampshire and Greater London.

Once motorists reach 70 they have to renew their licence every three years and answer written questions about medical conditions and eyesight quality.

As senior citizens are more likely to have a range of health problems and slower reaction times, there has been plenty of debate on the issue of the safety of older drivers.

But a study from Swansea University last year claimed more mature road users are no more dangerous than other drivers. Professor Charles Musselwhite, from the Centre for Innovative Ageing, who undertook the study, said while reaction times decreased as people got older, this was compensated by older drivers taking more care on the road.

"We've looked at those statistics in depth and we don't think that as a cohort older drivers are any more dangerous than other road users," he said.

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Food boss says thanks a billion for Dragons' 'no'

DRAGONS' Den contestants are known for over-estimating the value of their businesses – but one Great Barr entrepreneur who was rejected by TV's fearsome panel is serious when he says his company will one day be worth £1 billion.

Marco Hajikypri says his healthy-eating business has gone from strength to strength since he failed to gain investment from the Dragons last year.

In fact, he is so confident about its future prospects he has turned down an offer of £90 million for his business.

He experienced a rough ride with the notoriously hard-to-please Dragons, and became the latest to irk Deborah Meaden who snapped and said 'this is like arguing with cotton wool' when trying to get answers out of the 28-year-old businessman.

Marco Hajikypri, seen with some of the dishes his firm provides

Expanded

But Marco believes it was the Dragons who missed out. His company, Professional Gains Meals, which provides healthy meals tailored to the customer, has since expanded to three units and employees 33 people.

He is confident the progress will continue over the next few years – so confident he was able to turn down the enormous monstrous £90m offer. He said: "I have turned down the offer to buy the business, even at that huge figure, because I want to build it up myself. Money doesn't scare me, I know what the value is. I have worked for this business and I know what it will be worth."

The business is now valued at around £16m, when the Dragons didn't even think it was worth £2m."

Marco told multi-millionaire Peter Jones he would regret his decision not to invest, and perhaps he was right. He said he was glad the Dragons turned him down. He said: "I gave them an opportunity to feature in my business. We wanted to use the Dragons to increase our sales through networking.

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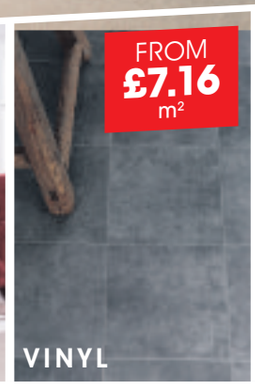

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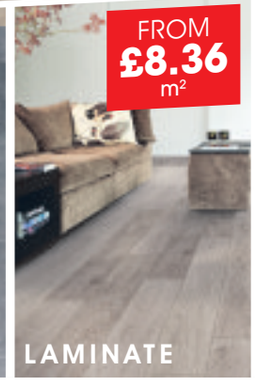

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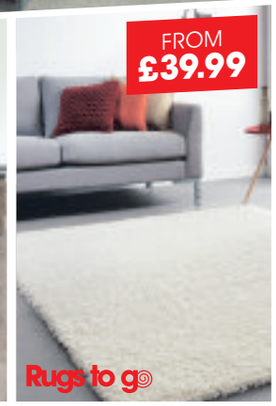

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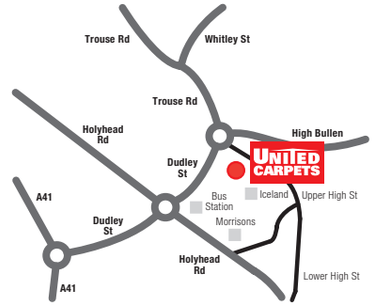

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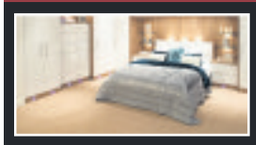

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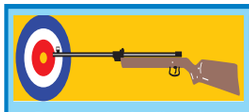

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Revamped rugby club is target for vandals

VANDALS have damaged restoration work carried out at a rugby club – leaving club members in shock.

The incident took place at Wednesbury Rugby Club where a scoreboard was destroyed, dog fouling signs were ripped up and drainage pipes were damaged.

West Midlands Police is appealing for information in connection with the incident, which took place between July 23 and the next morning.

Steve Dale, who is a member of the club, said: "What happened was the club received some funding to bring the place up to scratch.

"Lots of members did lots of work over the weekend, where they put in planters, flag poles, some slabbing for new benches.

Ripped

"The dog fouling signs were thrown all over the place, a pole holding our scoreboard was ripped up and they also ripped up some drain pipes."

Around 60 to 70 members took part in the restoration work.

The club received £500 funding form NatWest, as part of an initiative set up in partnership with the Rugby Football Union, to carry out the work.

Club vice chairman Martin Brotherton said: "We are really upset. Wednesbury Rugby Club is a community club. It is not just about rugby, it is used by other members of the club also.

"For somebody to do what they have, after all the hard work we have carried out, is absolutely heartbreaking."

The rugby pitch is accessible to the public, meaning the club often have to clear the playing field of dog foul and other debris such as broken glass bottles. One rugby player nearly had to have his leg amputated after skidding in dog mess, said fellow Wednesbury North councillor Elaine Costigan. "It happened recently," she said.

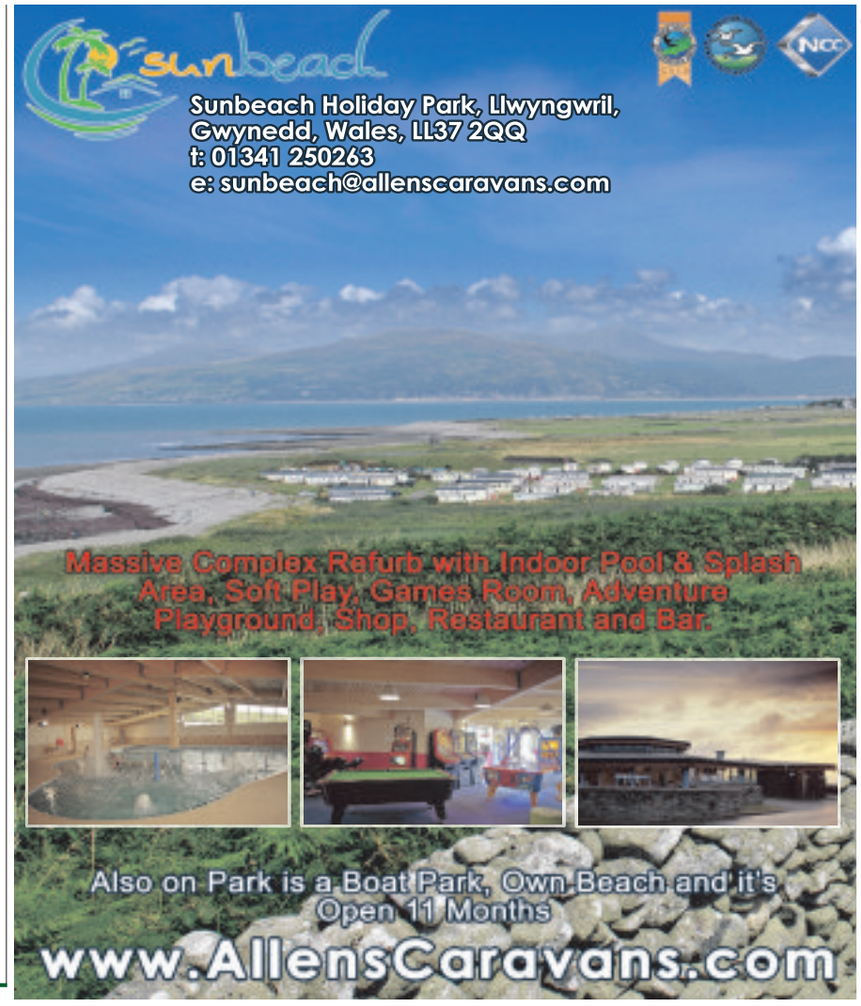
She added: "I find it very said what has happened regarding the vandalism. I would urge anyone who has information to report it to police."

Last year, a burnt out car was found on the playing field, said Mr Brotherton. A West Midlands Police spokesman said officers have looked into the incident, but are appealing for help with new information to identify the culprits.

The spokesman said: "Offenders gained access to a sport field and damaged two advertising signs, a scoreboard post and 12 dog fouling signs.

"Police are appealing for help with information."

Luke Pittaway, Gareth Hughes, Ian Ray, Chris Lister, Cllr Peter Hughes and Martin Brotherton with the damaged scoreboard



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Former midwife's smile reborn

'I'd grown tired of living my life around my teeth'

Former Dudley community midwife Vicki Ball, left, is full of smiles after getting new teeth and an implant solution to a long-standing stabilisation problem. 'I love my new teeth,' she says

MEETING Vicki Ball is all about the smiles – lots of them. She's generous with her compliments, can't wait for her next holiday adventure and has the most infectious of laughs.

Her company is light and she's gushing with the praise about her new look.

A retired community midwife who was based at the former Wordsley Hospital, the bubbly 60-something-year-old is quick to affirm: "I love my new teeth and they look natural, don't they?"

Adding: "You can't tell they're not my own," Vicki admits her smile has not always been her favourite attribute. "I've always had trouble with my teeth; even as a young girl they crumbled and my gums used to bleed. Even though I was diligent about looking after them, they still let me down," she adds.

Two years ago, Vicki finally lost her remaining teeth. "I really don't know why my teeth were so bad, but I was the youngest of eight children and I understand my mother's priorities did not include teaching me how to brush my teeth. She had more pressing priorities of how she was going to put food on the table," Vicki recalls.

A teenager by the time she had her first tooth brush, she is convinced she couldn't have done more to save her own teeth.

"For the last 18 months I've put up with ill-fitting and badly made dentures. My gums were always sore and the bottom denture was unstable.

Researching options

"My top teeth I could secure with a fixative, but for the bottom it was a waste of time – as soon as I had anything to eat the stability was over," says Vicki.

Her diet became restricted, avoiding beef and crispy fruits like apples.

Frustrated by the appearance and function of her teeth – they seemed to be set too far back, Vicky says – she started researching her options.

"I'd grown tired of living my whole life around my teeth. I never really stopped going out, but when I did, I was always thinking ahead where I could go to take my teeth out. They were just so uncomfortable."

A self-confessed lover of travel overseas – "it's my hobby" – Vicki saw an article in her local newspaper about Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) and his work at the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley.

North Street's dental implant surgeon, Dr Owain Rees (left) BDS, DGDP (UK) Dip Imp Dent (UCL) GDC 61576 with principal Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) GDC 108353

"I'd seen a piece about suction dentures and implant retained dentures and there seemed to be a solution for me," she says.

After seeing Steven and implant surgeon Dr Owain Rees BDS, DGDP (UK) DIP IMP DENT (UCL), Vicki's treatment included two implants to stabilise a lower over denture and the prescribing of high quality traditional upper dentures to help support her facial features. "From start to finish it took 14 weeks, but it was worth the wait. When I first saw my teeth in the mirror, I thought they looked just like real teeth and . . . they feel like my own teeth.

Such a relief

"My husband, Terry, couldn't believe they were so good. Not to have to keep thinking about my teeth when I'm out is such a relief," she says.

Steven says: "Mrs Ball needed dentures that would offer proper support to her facial features.

"These days the term 'facelift' dentures is banded about. The claim is spurious, but with the correct setting of teeth, the effect is to lift the facial structures in the same way natural healthy gums and teeth support tissues and muscles. I'm very please to have been be part of giving a new birth the Vicki's smile."

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Museum wins battle to save town's former gas showroom

THE BATTLE to save a former historic gas showroom in West Bromwich has been won by the Black Country Living Museum – despite council chiefs dismissing plans as 'pie in the sky' earlier this year.

The building in West Bromwich High Street will now be relocated to the museum base as part of its £21 million expansion project. It was given the go-ahead to be demolished in May.

But bosses at the Tipton Road site – who have campaigned to save the building since last year – say that they will now pay additional costs to make sure that it is taken down brick-by-brick. It contradicts claims made by council members in recent months that the museum did not have a 'credible proposal' for the 'pie in the sky' relocation of the 1940s building, as no offer was ever presented to them by the museum.

Councillor Paul Moore, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "I am very pleased to get confirmation from the museum that they are prepared to pay the additional costs of demolishing the building in order to relocate the sections they want to save.

The current site of the showroom

Costs

"The extra costs come from the need to remove the parts of the building the museum require brick-by-brick rather than just the usual demolition process.

"It is important that we remove the building as soon as possible and I was always anxious that the removal of the building by the museum would not bring additional costs for the local council taxpayers. The council looks forward to continuing to work with the museum on this project and their future plans."

The relocation of the building will form part of the museum's ambitious plans to bring buildings back to life as part of a major restoration project. It will see the attraction expanded by a third as a new 1940-60s town is built.

Jonathan Wilson, deputy chief executive of collections, learning and research, said: "The Gas Showroom is one of the key buildings we have identified to create at the Museum as part of BCLM: Forging Ahead since it gives us the opportunity to tell a range of real Black Country lives and stories of social and domestic life from the 1940s-1960s.

"The unsafe condition of the building in its current location means that its heritage cannot be saved in situ but we are delighted to be able to extend its legacy at the Museum for many years to come."

Tributes to Baggies super fan Les, 91

THE famous FA Cup win, heartbreaking near-misses and relegations and promotions to the Premier League – Les James witnessed it all.

The Albion fanatic devoted his life to the Baggies, following the team through thick and thin from the 1940s.

The club has paid tribute to Les who died aged 91, following a short illness.

It was a few years after the Second World War, in 1948, that Les went to his first Albion game and from then on he was hooked.

He was believed to have been the oldest supporter still regularly following the club home and away.

It will be with a tinge of sadness that the new season kicks off in under two weeks' time, with the familiar, friendly face of Les missing from The Hawthorns.

He once told how he was taken ill but signed himself out of hospital so he could watch Albion play Liverpool.

John Homer, from the official supporters club, said: "He was a lovely, lovely man and had lots of friends at the Albion, both fans and the football club.

"He had a home season ticket and travelled away whenever he could. He very rarely grumbled about the team and the performance."

Les, who was from Smethwick, was honoured by the club in November 2015 to mark his 90th birthday, when he was invited as a special guest in the Regis Suite where he met some of his heroes from his years supporting Albion, including his all-time hero Tony 'Bomber' Brown.

Les James with Ben Foster and Adrian Chiles on his 90th birthday

Mattresses carpets and clothes left by roadside

MATTRESSES, carpets, wallpaper and clothing were among rubbish dumped in a Black Country road. The items were left in Scafell Way, West Bromwich, around 2am last Friday.

Sandwell Council said that they would be tracing and fining those responsible. Following the incident the council tweeted pictures of the waste with a video camera still of a white van in the area at the time.

They said: "Disgusting. Dumped in Scafell Way West Bromwich at 2am this morning. We'll be tracing and fining those responsible." Councillor Elaine Costigan, cabinet member for public health and protection, said: "Yet again we've seen a huge amount of rubbish dumped, leaving the council to foot the bill for removing it.

"It's not just unsightly, it poses a public health risk and places an unnecessary burden on council budgets and our taxpayers. We're taking a tough line on fly-tipping and those responsible will not get away with it.

"I'd ask anyone with any information about who dumped this rubbish to call 0121 368 1177. You can also report fly-tipping at sandwell.gov.uk/flytipping."

Donation made by firm to hospice

AN accountancy firm has donated £3,500 to a hospice following a year of fundraising. JW Hinks chose St Mary's Hospice in Birmingham as its charity for the year.

Neal Aston, managing partner at JW Hinks, said: "The team have done an excellent job raising money for such a brilliant charity.

Legion of interest in map of Roman roads

THEY built 2,000 miles of famously straight roads across the UK – including highways through Staffordshire and the West Midlands that are still used today.

Now a London Underground-style map of Roman roads has been drawn up by a student studying statistics at the University of Chicago.

The colourful network simplifies the road system of 43 – 410 AD Britain for modern history fans.

The map looks very different to a 21st century A-Z or road atlas, with no sign of how important Birmingham or the Black Country conurbation of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, and Walsall would become – and no trace of an M6, M54, A449, A454 or an A41.

The only local towns shown on student Sasha Trubetskoy's subway map are Penkridge, given its Latin name of Pennocrucium, and Wall, then called Letocetum, both important stopping-off places on the Romans' long journeys around the country.

Important

Pennocrucium was around three miles south-west of the modern town of Penkridge. Wall was near the junction of Watling Street and Icknield Street, also shown on the map, now known as the A38. Both were important military staging posts for the Romans, providing accommodation, baths and a change of horses.

One of their most important routes was Watling Street, the Roman military road to North Wales, which ran from east to west, beneath the modern A5 trunk road, running through Brownhills and Cannock. The Via Devana was another road built for military use rather than to serve the local population, which was very sparse in these parts during Roman times.

It ran from Colchester in the south-east through Wall and Penkridge to Chester, which lays claim to being the oldest Roman city in Britain. The road later fell into disuse.

All the roads were designed to allow troops to move quickly, and also provided vital routes for business, trade and the transportation of goods.

While the roads were very advanced for their time, transport itself was not so sophisticated, and a journey from London to York, which today would take four hours by car, would have taken five days to complete in a carriage. Roman roads were typically 16 to 23ft – f ive to seven metres – wide.

Their preservation in the UK varies, with some still protruding from the land and easily visible while others are hidden under earth and have only been found thanks to light detection scanning.

Within the map, the dots and circles show the cities, towns and settlements, while the different coloured lines denote the roads, with a key explaining these on the right.

It includes the Latin names for towns and cities across the UK, such as Londinium, London, Mamucium. Manchester, and Pons Aelius, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Mr Trubetosky, who spent days making the map, said: "I pretty much included every known Roman settlement in Britain, as well as some locations that were only a fort/camp, or tribal settlement under Roman control.

The Roman site at Wall, near Letocetum

Watling Street runs through Brownhills

Sasha Trubetskoy's underground-style map of the country's Roman roads

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Hallelujah! Scott's on a music mission

The churches of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and Shropshire may be put to an unusual use in coming months as the region's Ivor Novello Award-winning Scott Matthews embarks on a remarkable journey.

The Wolverhampton-based singer/songwriter is presently recording his sixth album, which is due for release in April, and hopes to record in a venue with stunning acoustics.

And rather than head to studios in London, Bath, Wales or Scotland – he wants to stay close to home and find a unique and bespoke environment in which to record. The idea is to capture the magic that Scott's concerts create, where fans from around the UK find themselves spellbound by the mystery of his evocative, spine-tingling songs.

Scott became a huge success when he released the hit single Elusive, which was a BBC Radio favourite and earned him a tour with the Foo Fighters, a major recording deal with Island – home to U2, Bob Marley, Nick Drake and others – and won an Ivor Novello Award.

He has since released five albums – including his two most recent, Home Pt I and Home Pt II – and is embarking on a new record, which has a working title of Chapters.

Scott says: "I'm writing at home and have a number of songs. I want to get to 15 or so, and whittle that down to 10. The idea for recording in a church came about because they have such brilliant acoustics. Recording in a unique environment, rather than a traditional studio, also adds a little magic to the performance. There's something that happens when I play a concert, a feeling, or an energy, that the audience and I both feel. The idea is that by recording in a church with sensational acoustics, I can recreate that feeling and commit it to the record."

The record will be released in spring 2018, with an accompanying tour. And Scott, one of the UK's most revered and respected singer/songwriters, is finally recording a stripped-down album featuring only him and a guitar.

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Fans are being given the chance to engage with the recording process by getting regular updates from the artist, through an organisation called Pledge Music.

Pledge Music gives performers who choose not to have a record deal the opportunity to work directly with fans – where they pre-order signed copies of the work, which helps to pay the upfront costs of recording.

Scott adds: "I founded my own record label – Shedio – which is based around the converted garden shed at the bottom of my garden. That's the space where I usually record. The fan-funded model works really well because fans then get the chance to find out about the process while it is still on-going.

On a song – Scott won an Ivor Novello in 2007

They get regular updates, which might include messages from me, video updates – all sorts of things.

"Then, when the record is complete, they are the first to receive a signed copy of the new album, which is delivered to their door. It's pretty simple for people to get involved. They just need to go online and search for Pledge Music, then search for Scott Matthews and all of the details appear."

Scott says financing the project is not the most important part of Pledge. The thing that he enjoys best is having direct access to his fans.

"You might wake up one morning and there'll be a message from someone in Paraguay who has just discovered the back catalogue, which is great. Or, alternatively, you might get a fan from somewhere in the UK who is really passionate about the music and can speak articulately about particular songs.

"That really fuels my fire. Having that direct link with the fans, where they can tell me what they think, is a massive boost. And that's one of the things I'm looking forward to as I record my sixth album."

Scott remains in the spotlight and was recently asked by the BBC to unveil a commemorative Blue Plaque at the former home of iconic British folk singer Nick Drake, who lived at Tanworth-In-Arden.

Scott was happy to oblige and performed the ceremony alongside fellow singer/songwriter Simon Fowler, best known as frontman with Ocean Colour Scene.

"It was an enormous honour," he says. "There have been a few highlights in my career: winning an Ivor Novello, presenting John Martyn with a Lifetime Achievement Award in a room full of people like John Martyn and so on. But being asked to unveil the plaque at Nick Drake's home was remarkable. There were little rural paths that he would have walked along. It was easy to marvel at the things that would have gone on in his room, at the records that would have been delivered to his door and so on. It was a real privileged, a very special moment."

> *I'm very excited to be finally recording a record that's just me and a guitar*

Scott, an avid Wolverhampton Wanderers fans, is looking forward to being back on the road in spring – though eagle-eyed fans might get the chance to see him play a few unannounced shows before then, when he trials new songs.

"You can learn more from a three-minute soundcheck, or by playing a song at a gig, than you can by spending a year writing and refining a song. So I plan to road-test a few of the songs with a small number of gigs this autumn. The record will be finished by December, I'll reflect for a little while and then it will be out in spring. I'm very excited to be finally recording a record that's just me and a guitar. And, having released five albums already, I'm just thrilled to have the opportunity to record and release a sixth."

● Fans who want to pre-order signed copies of Scott Scott' new album can log onto Pledge Music to receive regular updates at: www.pledgemusic.com/projects/scott-Scott-studio-album-six

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Blondie in 2017

One way or another, Blondie are heart of class

Blondie are back with a new album, Pollinator, and a tour that calls in at Birmingham city centre's Barclaycard Arena on November 13.

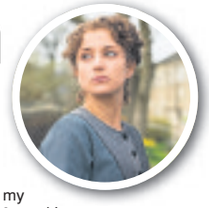
The New York band was formed more than 40 years ago and still features original members, iconic frontwoman Debbie Harry, guitarist Chris Stein and drummer Clem Burke, alongside long standing band mates Leigh Foxx (bass), Tommy Kessler (guitar) and Matt Katz-Bohen (keyboard).

Emerging from the stateside punk scene, they became one of the greatest pop bands of the 1970s and 80s. They still create new music to go alongside such classics as Heart of Glass, Hanging On The Telephone, Sunday Girl, Dreaming, Call Me, Atomic, The Tide Is High, Rapture and Maria.

Eleventh studio album Pollinator, which came out in May, features songs written by Stein and Harry alongside songwriting or studio contributions from former Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr, Sia, Charli XCX, Nick Valensi from The Strokes, Joan Jett, Laurie Anderson, and Dave Sitek from TV On The Radio.

Blondie are also involved in the BEE Connected campaign to raise awareness of the decline in the bee population.

Brontë classic given Eyre time at Rep



THIS year marks the 170th anniversary of the first publication of Charlotte Brontë's classic novel of gothic romance Jane Eyre.

As part of the celebrations, the National Theatre with Bristol Old Vic are bringing an imaginative new stage adaptation to Birmingham Rep, from September 4 to 16, as part of a nationwide tour.

Brontë's much-loved story is still an inspiration. This dynamic production tells the story of one woman's fight for freedom. From her beginnings as a destitute orphan, the spirited heroine faces life's obstacles head-on, surviving poverty, injustice and betrayal before taking the ultimate decision to follow her heart.

Director Sally Cookson said "Adapting a novel for the stage is a challenging prospect, especially when that novel is cited as many people's favourite of all time. It is always daunting when you're working on a story which everyone knows so well. It's a story that I love and have enjoyed a close relationship with ever since I was intrigued, as a child, by Orson Welles' black and white melodrama.

"I didn't actually read the novel until I was in my early 20s and I remember thinking while I read it: 'This is a clarion cry for equal opportunities for women, not a story about a passive female'. I was struck by how modern Jane seemed – her spirit and strong will, her peculiar and brilliant mind striving for personal freedom. She was exactly the sort of person I wanted to be."

In this three hour staging Nadia Clifford, pictured, plays Jane Eyre with Tim Delap as Rochester.

See birmingham-rep.co.uk or call the box office on 0121 236 4455.

Trespass at the Grand for chills

Following the success of The Woman in Black, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre hosts another ghost story when Trespass is staged from August 15 to 21. In Emlyn Williams' play a widow asks a medium to help make contact with her recently deceased husband. The cast includes Rebecca Wheatley from Casualty, David Callister, pictured, from The Bill, Michelle Morris (The Knock) and Judy Buxton (On The Up). See grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.

Rocking all over the Robin with Quo hits

A night of vintage Quo boogie will be heard at Bilston's Robin 2 when the original Status Quo drummer brings John Coghlan's Quo to the Black Country venue.

Drawing on the era From Pictures Of Matchstick Men to Rocking All Over The World, this big night out for the demin-clad head nodders will be held next Thursday, August 10.

Other highlights at the Robin include The Naked Beatles with Lusty Springfield tomorrow (Friday) which may sound like a dodgy movie but is actually a 60s tribute night. Then it's the MaetLoaf tribute 'Bat Out Of Hell' special on Saturday and Flash, Tribute to Queen, is on August 11. It's the Bilston reggae sunsplash with tributes to Bob Marley and UB40 on August 12. See therobin.co.uk or call 01902 401211.

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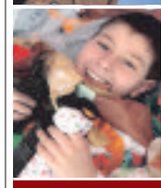

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SATURDAY'S TV AUGUST 5

CHOICE

Billy Connolly

Billy Connolly: Portrait of a Lifetime (BBC2, 9pm)

A programme celebrating Billy Connolly's 75th birthday and 50 years in the business, as three Scottish artists, John Byrne, Jack Vettriano and Rachel MacLean, each create a new portrait of the comedian and actor. As he sits with each artist, Billy talks about his remarkable career which has taken him from musician and stand up to Hollywood star and national treasure.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nadiya's British Food Adventure. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.00 Film:** I Am Bolt. (2016) Documentary about the life and career of world-record breaking Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, who has won the 100m and 200m gold medals at the last three Olympics. **3.30** The Heroes of Super Saturday: Jess, Mo & Greg. (R) **4.25** Escape to the Continent. (R) **5.25** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.10 BBC News.

6.20 Regional Programme.

6.30 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the second night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, which will include the men's 100m final. Should he have made it through to the final as expected, Usain Bolt will be making his final individual appearance at a major championships and will be looking to bow out while still the fastest man in the world. Plus, medals are decided in the men's discus and long jump, and women's 10,000m, the heptathlon continues with the shot put and 200m, and the women's 1500m semi-finals take place. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Colin Jackson and Denise Lewis.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Film: Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie. (2014) The indomitable Irish matriarch discovers that a plan is afoot by developers to buy the famous Dublin street market where her family has run a fruit and veg stall for generations. Assembling a band of eccentric allies, she plans to fight back, only to realise her daughter is not interested in taking over the family business. Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll.

11.55 Film: I Know What You Did Last Summer. (1997) Four teenagers accidentally run over a stranger and hide the body rather than inform the authorities, only to find themselves stalked the following year by a shadowy figure who takes great delight in disposing of them in a variety of gruesome ways. Horror, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt.

1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Film: The Spanish Main. (1945) **7.45 Film:** The Magic Box. (1951) **9.30** World Athletics Championships 2017. **2.00** Food & Drink. (R) **2.30** Flog It! (R) **3.20** Mastermind. (R) **3.50** University Challenge. (R) **4.20** Only Connect. (R) **4.50** Gardeners' World. (R) **5.50** The Sweet Makers: A Victorian Treat. (R)

6.50 Proms Extra. Katie Derham, Stuart Skelton, Ailish Tynan and Ken Burton discuss Beethoven's Symphony No 9. Plus, a Proms centenary tribute to Ella Fitzgerald and Dizzy Gillespie.

7.30 Royal Cousins at War. Part one of two. Documentary examining what impact the relationships between cousins Nicholas II of Russia, Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany and George V of the United Kingdom had on the outbreak of the First World War. This episode focuses on the story of the emerging divisions and rivalries between the inter-related royal houses of Europe during the 19th century. Featuring contributions by historians Karina Urbach, Miranda Carter and Piers Brendon. Tamsin Greig narrates. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Corporal Jones finds himself cast adrift during an exercise pitting Mainwaring and his home-front heroes against their arch-rival Captain Square. (R)

9.00 Billy Connolly: Portrait of a Lifetime. A programme celebrating the life and career of Billy Connolly, as three Scottish artists each create a new portrait of the comedian and actor.

10.00 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents reaction to and analysis of the second night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

10.30 Film: What We Did on Our Holiday. (2014) Three children give away all the secrets of their parents' troubled marriage while visiting their grandfather. Comedy drama, starring Rosamund Pike.

11.55 Golf: Women's Open Highlights. Eilidh Barbour presents action from the third day of the event, which this year is staged at Kingsbarns Golf Links in Fife.

1.00 Film: In the House. (2012) A teacher encourages a pupil to write about his relationship with a wealthy family, which feeds unhealthy obsessions. Drama, with Fabrice Luchini and Kristin Scott Thomas. **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Sooty. (R) **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.25** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** ITV Racing: The Opening Show. **10.20** Gok's Lunchbox. (R) **11.15** 1000 Heartbeats. (R) **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Tipping Point. (R) **1.30** ITV Racing Live: Goodwood Festival. Coverage of the fifth and final day of the event. **4.00** The Chase. (R) **5.00** Little Big Shots USA.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.05 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 You've Been Framed! Bites Back! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including an angry woman who throws a dart into her husband's leg, an electrolysis accident that delivers a powerful electric shock to an unlucky man's nipple and why teaching a toddler to operate a full-size tractor is a bad idea. (R)

7.15 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.

8.00 Film: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies. (2014) Premiere. Dwarf king Thorin reclaims control of his homeland, but his descent into madness places him on the brink of war with his human and elven allies. As Thorin's Hobbit friend Bilbo tries to save the tormented ruler from himself, a vast horde of orcs gathers to destroy them all. Conclusion of the fantasy adventure trilogy, starring Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage, Ian McKellen, Luke Evans and Orlando Bloom.

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 Film: GoldenEye. (1995) Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean and Izabella Scorupco.

1.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Tenerife Bluetrail. **6.40** Motor Sport: Chateau Impney Hill Climb. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **12.50** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.20** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** Big House, Little House. **5.35** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain at Low Tide. Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands set out to document Britain's industrial and natural maritime history, using state-of-the-art technology to comb the nation's exposed coastlines during times of low tide. They first head out to the Northumbrian coastline, to investigate the tragic story of a French fishing trawler that was wrecked off shore in 1913. (R)

8.00 Paul O'Grady's Hollywood. New series. The first of three programmes in which the veteran TV presenter delves into the rich vein of cinematic history to find out what it takes to transform a film into a silver-screen masterpiece capable to standing the test of time. Taking in everything from big production musicals to vehicles for enduring screen heroines, Paul reveals what makes celebrated movies so memorable. He begins with classic "weepies", from the early silent melodramas through to James Cameron's Titanic, and hears from Jon Voight, Bernard Cribbins, Celine Dion and the casts of E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial and Beaches.

9.00 Film: Red. (2010) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt and realises something in his past has made him a target. He sets out to reunite the members of his old hit squad to find out who is trying to kill them and why, but in the process, uncovers dangerous secrets. Action thriller, with Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman.

11.10 Film: American Reunion. (2012)

1.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **2.05** The Last Leg. (R) **3.00** Hollyoaks. **5.05** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.40** Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) **10.55** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.15** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **2.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **3.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.05** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

5.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner get caught up in a dispute between a landlord and a tenant who refuses to move out, and Brian O'Shaughnessy and Delroy Anglin chase a £17,000 debt. Meanwhile, in Essex, a couple owe their neighbour £11,000, and on the south coast, debt collection from a Turkish restaurant gets complicated when there is confusion about ownership. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. Highlights of the second day's play in the final Test of the four-match series, which took place at Old Trafford in Manchester.

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away: Violent Encounters. Two enforcement agents make a shocking discovery in a child's bedroom during an eviction, and a debtor gets physical when he is visited over wages owed to a freelancer. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sunderland v Derby County and Wolverhampton Wanderers v Middlesbrough.

9.50 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, which included Southend United v Blackburn Rovers, and Forest Green Rovers v Barnet.

10.20 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

11.20 Queens of Pop. A compilation of hit music videos by chart-topping female soloists, highlighting how women have dominated the music industry like never before during the past 10 years.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Royal Funerals: The Inside Story. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Capability Brown's Unfinished Garden **8.00** Britain's Treasure Islands **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.15** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.30** From Andy Pandy to Zebedee: The Golden Age of Children's TV **1.30** Slade at the BBC **2.30** Nina Simone & Me with Laura Mvula **3.00** Britain's Treasure Islands **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.30 Take Me Out **12.40** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **1.10** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.40 Film:** The Waterboy (1998) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45 Film:** The Waterboy (1998) **3.30 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **5.10 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** Nanny McPhee (2005) **7.15 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **9.00 Film:** Fast & Furious 5 (2011) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Fast & Furious 5 (2011) **11.35** Family Guy **1.05 Film:** This Is the End (2013) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10 Film:** This Is the End (2013) **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.55 Film: Rest in Peace, Mrs Columbo (1990) **2.55** Lewis **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **1.55** On the Buses **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.15 Film: Dunkirk (1958) **1.25** FYI Daily **1.30 Film:** Dunkirk (1958) **3.00 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **6.15** Storage Wars **7.15 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **8.20** FYI Daily **8.25 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **9.00 Film:** Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) **11.45 Film:** Harry Brown (2009) **12.45** FYI Daily **12.50 Film:** Harry Brown (2009) **1.50** Road Racing Series **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

1.05 The Goldbergs **3.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00 Film:** Bridesmaids (2011) **11.30** Gogglebox **1.10** Rude Tube **2.15** Tattoo Fixers **3.10** Gogglebox **3.50** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 ParaNorman (2012) **1.00** The Boxtrolls (2014) **2.50** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **5.05** Carry On Cleo (1964) **6.55** Ghostbusters II (1989) **9.00** Oblivion (2013) **11.25** The Pyramid (2014) **1.10** The Master (2012) **4.00** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV AUGUST 6

CHOICE

Diana, Princess of Wales

Diana: In Her Own Words (Channel 4, 8pm)
Documentary featuring never-before-seen footage of Diana, Princess of Wales, recorded by her speech consultant between 1992 and 1993 as she sought to define her public persona and present her own version of events reported in the press, touching on her marriage and experience of public life. The programme also features in-depth interviews with people close to her.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out. (R) **1.40 Film:** Frozen. (2013) Disney animated fantasy adventure, with the voice of Kristen Bell. **3.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.40** Songs of Praise. **4.15** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.00** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Countryfile.

6.30 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents coverage of the third night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Great Britain's Katarina Johnson-Thompson will conclude her bid for gold in the heptathlon when she competes in the 800m, but she was expected to face stiff competition throughout the seven disciplines from Belgium's Olympic champion Nafissatou Thiam. Plus, medals are decided in the women's pole vault, and semi-finals take place in the men's 400m and 110m hurdles. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Colin Jackson and Denise Lewis, and commentary by Steve Cram, Andrew Cotter, Brendan Foster and Steve Backley, and reports from Ore Oduba and Phil Jones. Coverage continues on BBC2.

9.00 Poldark. Sir Francis places Ross in charge of a group of volunteers to defend the Cornish coast after Prudie and Tholly catch sight of French ships on the horizon. George returns from parliament and is outraged to discover that Drake is living in the smithy on the edge of Trenwith land. However, Tom Harry is only too happy to take on the task of making sure he does not remain there for long. Emma struggles to reconcile her feelings for Sam with their religious differences, and Hugh continues to court Demelza in secret. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 MOTD: Community Shield Highlights. Chelsea v Arsenal. Action from the traditional curtain-raiser to the top-flight campaign.

11.15 Film: The Recruit. (2003) Thriller, starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** World Athletics Championships 2017. **5.00** Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney. (R)

6.00 Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge. Part one of two. The naturalist leads a team of rock climbers across Venezuela's tepuis – sheer-sided mountains surrounded by jungle. In the first episode, he attempts an ascent of a rocktace that has never been climbed previously to discover what kind of animals live at the summit. However, to get there he will have to brave wildlife, rapids and a run-in with a rickety biplane. (R)

7.00 Inside the Factory. Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey visit factories to find out how household staples are made and Ruth Goodman examines their history. (R)

8.00 Secrets of Silicon Valley. Part one of two. Jamie Bartlett investigates how technology companies are shaping the future of the world, and the potential negative consequences of the drive towards progress.

9.00 World Athletics Championships 2017. Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the third night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, including the women's 100m final, which was won by Jamaica's Olympic champion Elaine Thompson two years ago. Plus, the men's shot put final concludes, and double Olympic champion David Rudisha is expected to be involved in the men's 800m semi-finals. With analysis from Michael Johnson, Colin Jackson and Denise Lewis, commentary by Steve Cram, Andrew Cotter, Brendan Foster and Steve Backley, and reports from Ore Oduba.

10.30 Gareth Thomas: Hate in the Beautiful Game. Former Wales and Lions rugby union captain Gareth Thomas investigates what is preventing gay footballers from coming out, talking to players, fans and managers in a bid to find out.

11.30 Golf: Women's Open Highlights. Eilidh Barbour presents action from the fourth and final day.

12.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Holby City. (R) **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special. Phil Daniels, Janette Manrara, Isabel Hodgins and Roy Hudd answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.

7.30 Film: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. (2009) The young wizard is given the task of uncovering the secrets of Lord Voldemort's past as the evil sorcerer's henchmen cause havoc in both the magical and Muggle worlds. With the help of headmaster Dumbledore, Harry ventures into the memories of those who knew the Dark Lord during his early years, hoping to gain an insight into the secret behind his apparent immortality. However, Voldemort's influence extends much closer to home than expected, as Harry's rival Malfoy is chosen to carry out a sinister mission. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

10.25 ITV News; Weather.

10.40 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories. Barrister Robert Rinder reveals the story of a gang of criminals who attempted to steal the world's most perfectly formed diamond from the Millennium Dome in November 2000. (R)

11.40 Take Me Out. A fitness instructor, a pianist, a research executive and a construction worker submit themselves for approval in front of Paddy McGuinness's panel of 30 single ladies. (R)

12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.10** Last Man Standing. **6.35** Cycling: Gigante De Piedra. **7.00** Motor Sport: Armoy Road Race Build-Up. **7.30** Motor Sport: Armoy Road Race 2017. **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** UEFA Women's Euro 2017: The Final Live. Coverage of the showpiece match (Kick-off 4.00pm).

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 The Mystery of the Crossrail Skulls. Documentary examining the discovery of dozens of Romanera skulls by engineers working beneath London's Liverpool Street station. The remains have been identified as dating back to Roman times, but it has yet to be determined who these people were and how their heads ended up buried on the site. Archaeologists examine the bones for evidence of the various theories that have been suggested, questioning whether the skulls belonged to gladiators, executed rebels or the victims of a massacre, or formed part of a grisly ritual. (R)

8.00 Diana: In Her Own Words. Documentary featuring never-before-seen footage of Diana, Princess of Wales, recorded by her speech consultant between 1992 and 1993 as she sought to define her public persona and present her own version of events reported in the press, touching on her marriage and experience of public life. The programme also features in-depth interviews with people close to her.

9.50 Film: The King's Speech. (2010) The younger son of George V struggles to cope with an uncontrollable stammer, prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor prove invaluable when a crisis places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the Second World War leaves the country in need of a strong king. Oscar-winning fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth.

12.00 Film: The Anomaly. (2014) **1.40** 60 Days in Jail. (R) **2.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **3.25** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wissper. (R) **7.05** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.25** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.30** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.55** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.20** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.40** Floogals. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **10.20** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.05** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.30 Film:** Cheaper By the Dozen 2. (2005) **1.20** The Royals: Young, Rich & Famous. (R) **2.15** Inside Buckingham Palace: The Queen's Worst Year. (R) **3.15** Inside Buckingham Palace. (R) **4.15** Inside Buckingham Palace. (R) **5.10 Film:** Dirty Dancing. (1987) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. Highlights of the third day's play in the final Test of the four-match series, which took place at Old Trafford in Manchester.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos featuring fathers doing bizarre things, including a showcase of the world's most ridiculous dad dancing and some DIY dentistry using a helicopter to remove a loose tooth. With contributions from comedians Ellie Taylor, Angela Barnes and Dave Spikey. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

10.00 The Last Days of Patrick Swayze. Forensic pathologist Dr Jason Payne-James examines the death of the movie star in 2009 from pancreatic cancer, a condition that had left him all but unrecognisable.

11.05 Film: Point Break. (1991) An undercover FBI agent infiltrates a Californian surfing gang to investigate a spate of armed robberies. Kathryn Bigelow's thriller, starring Keanu Reeves.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **4.00** The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 BBC Proms 2017 **8.30** The Richard Burton Diaries **9.00** Frank Skinner on George Formby **10.00** Babs **11.30** Timeshift: Bouffants, Beehives and Bobs – The Hairstyles That Shaped Britain **12.30** Capability Brown's Unfinished Garden **1.30** Timeshift: How to Be a Lady – An Elegant History **2.30** Frank Skinner on George Formby **3.30** Close

ITV2
1.05 Mr Bean **2.15** You've Been Framed! Gold A to Z of Animals **3.20 Film:** Planet 51 (2009) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25 Film:** Planet 51 (2009) **5.10 Film:** A Bug's Life (1998) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** A Bug's Life (1998) **7.15 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.50** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Viral Tap **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3
11.45 The Darling Buds of May **12.55 Film:** Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) **2.50** Wycliffe **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **2.00** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.25** On the Buses **5.50** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
2.10 Film: The Alamo (1960) **4.20 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **6.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **7.05 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00 Film:** Cliffhanger (1993) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Cliffhanger (1993) **11.10 Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** Mars Attacks! (1996) **1.20** Car Crash Global **2.15** Hogan's Heroes **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4
12.05 Born in Chelsea: Baby Steps **1.05** Kevin Can Wait **1.35** New Girl **2.35** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Night at the Museum (2006) **10.10** Don't Tell the Bride **11.15** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.20** Gogglebox **1.10** Rude Tube **2.15** First Dates **3.10** How I Met Your Mother **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) **1.00** Short Circuit (1986) **3.00** The Borrowers (1997) **4.40** Small Soldiers (1998) **6.50** GI Joe: Retaliation (2013) **9.00** Child 44 (2015) **11.40** The A-Team (2010) **2.00** Wild Bill (2011) **4.00** Close

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
A Healthy Place to Die: The Gourmet Detective, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Charming culinary expert Henry Ross is invited to give a speech at a food conference at a luxury resort, but when a journalist guest goes missing, and later turns up dead, Henry once again finds himself joining forces with no-nonsense police detective Maggie Price to solve the crime. Crime comedy sequel, starring Dylan Neal and Brooke Burns. (2015)

TUESDAY
Spirit Riders, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A rebellious teenager is arrested and for her punishment is sent to an equine therapy camp, where she forms a connection with a spirited thoroughbred horse that she helps to train with the help of the ranch's no-nonsense owner. Family drama, starring Alexandria DeBerry, C Thomas Howell, Lance Henriksen and Olivia Osteen. (2015)

Strictly Ballroom, Friday, BBC1, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY
Broken Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An attorney prepares to take on the biggest case of her career against a major pharmaceutical company, only for the lawyer who taught her everything she knows to be kidnapped. She enlists the aid of her police officer ex-husband in rescuing her mentor, while still ensuring a just outcome to the trial. Thriller, starring Laura Vandervoort. (2012)

THURSDAY
Viva Las Vegas, BBC2, 2.55pm
A charismatic racing driver arrives in the city to prepare for its first grand prix. Unfortunately, his car has no engine, so to make the money to buy one he takes a job as a casino waiter. However, he loses focus when he falls in love, leaving a rival with the means to steal the race and his girl. Musical, starring Elvis Presley. (1964)

FRIDAY
Strictly Ballroom, BBC1, 11.05pm
A ballroom dancer, shunned for his unconventional style, tries to win a championship title with the aid of an awkward novice. Australian comedy, with Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice. (1992)

Robin's theory takes the inquiry in a new direction

Thanks to her roles in Mad Men, the original series of Top of the Lake and The Handmaid's Tale, Elisabeth Moss can claim to have starred in some of the most acclaimed TV shows of the past decade. But looking at her impressive CV, some viewers may wonder if after all that weighty drama, she ever fancies doing something a little bit lighter, like a wacky sitcom.

It seems not – she apparently only signed up for Top of the Lake: China Girl on the understanding that it would be even darker than the first series.

She explains that when writer and director Jane Campion asked her if she would be interested in reprising the role of detective Robin Griffin: "I said I would love to, but it would need to be more challenging than season one, otherwise there would be no point. I remember saying, 'I just want her to be challenged,' and thinking… how Robin could be challenged, what she might be going through."

And it seems Campion did not disappoint her. Moss says: "Without spoiling anything, the thing that we reveal in the flashback and some things that have happened over the last four years to Robin have put her in this really, really dark place. She's not had an easy life, this girl. So she starts out in Season 2 in this much darker place, and really messed up, so when I was reading it for the first time I was like, yes, yes, yes, yes!"

But it wasn't just the prospect of playing someone deeply troubled and miserable that attracted Moss to the part – there was also the chance to work with Campion again.

The actress says: "There's nobody like Jane. I've had the privilege of working with some very talented and amazing people, both well known and not well known, and there's something about the way that she speaks to you and the way that she guides you on set that isn't like anyone else.

"She has this very in-tune way of guiding you through a scene. She'll say something that makes you go, 'Oh, I didn't think about it that way,' or she'll say 'this is your playground sweetie. Just have fun.'"

However, the characters don't appear to be having much fun in this week's episode as Robin's investigation into the murder of 'China Girl' takes a revealing new turn.

Meanwhile, Julia and Pyke launch an investigation of their own into Puss, the man who plans to marry their teenage daughter. When their findings lead to a public confrontation, Puss storms out – and Mary follows him.

Pyke and Julia are forced to turn to Robin, who begins to discover just how complex motherhood can be. Moss says: "This season is about being a mother and a parent, and it's interesting, going from that very strong theme of season one to an even stronger theme in season two, with all of these plot lines being connected around this central idea. But done in a brilliantly subtle way, which is believable."

Top of the Lake: China Girl, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Eden: Paradise Lost
Channel 4, 10pm
It sounds like the premise of a satirical comedy – 23 people sign up for a reality series about creating a new society and spend a year in isolation in a remote part of Britain, unaware that the channel only showed four episodes and then stopped airing the footage. However, it seems the reports from earlier this year claiming that this was the fate of Channel 4's Eden project were very wide of the mark, as Channel 4 is now showing us what really happened. Stripped across the week, the footage shows how the dream turned into a nightmare for the residents of Eden – two people had already left three months into the project, and by the summer of 2016, hunger and divisions had firmly set in, as boatman Anton and carpenter Raph built a winter camp in the woods.

TUESDAY
Trust Me
BBC1, 9pm
Some TV addicts may wonder how long Jodie Whittaker's new series sat on the shelf before that big announcement was made the other week. Yes, the one about her becoming the first official female Doctor Who. While the internet went into meltdown, canny BBC bosses scheduled this new drama, and Ms Whittaker, as usual, is on top form, here playing nurse Cath Hardacre. Driven to desperate measures, she steals the identity of her best friend, an A&E doctor and begins a new life in Edinburgh as Dr Ally Sutton. Blake Harrison from The Inbetweeners also stars.

WEDNESDAY
My Family, Partition and Me: India 1947
BBC1, 9pm
Anita Rani tells the emotional stories of four different families - Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and British colonial - caught up in the violence during the Partition of India, as they travel for the first time to the homes in Pakistan, India and Bangladesh that their families fled in terror. Binita Kane arrives in Bangladesh to investigate what happened when her Hindu father Bim had to flee his ancestral village as a boy. Meanwhile, Mandy Duke heads to Calcutta, scene of some of the worst Partition violence, to uncover the amazing story of her grandfather Arthur Wise. Plus, we also follow Asad Ali Syed and his grandson Sameer, two British Muslims with Pakistani heritage, as they journey to the Indian town of Ambala, to search for the house where Asad was born. Finally, Anita investigates the events that led to her own grandfather's first wife, children and her great grandfather losing their lives.

Teach My Pet To Do That, Friday, ITV, 8pm

THURSDAY
10 Puppies and Us
BBC2, 8pm
Emma Lowe goes in search of a special puppy, wanting one that will act as a therapy dog for her four-year-old son, who has Down's syndrome, and soothe him when he is distressed. Meanwhile, newlyweds Leigh and Bella are forced to call in behaviourist Louise Glazebrook when their new pug Butch Cassidy has trouble sleeping on a night. There are also catch-ups with salon owner Hannah, who is taking on her third Chihuahua, and psychic Delia as she welcomes the big-breed Leonberger she fell in love with. But as the small puppy grows, she finds herself completely out of her depth.

FRIDAY
Teach My Pet To Do That
ITV, 8pm
New series. Animal lover and comedian Alexander Armstrong is joined by a team of specialist pet trainers as they teach a range of animals and pets to pull off incredible tricks. In the first episode, the host welcomes a daschund labrador cross called Eric and a miniature horse call Aslan, as trainers Jo-Rosie Haffenden and Nando Brown attempt to teach them how to answer a door to the cue of a doorbell. Elsewhere in the programme, the trainers hit the road and attempt to train River the cat to ride on the back of Moss the dog.

World Athletics Championships 2017
BBC1, 8.30pm
Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the eighth night at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Defending champions are expected to go head-to-head with Olympic gold medallists in both the women's 200m and 3,000m steeplechase.

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Codeword

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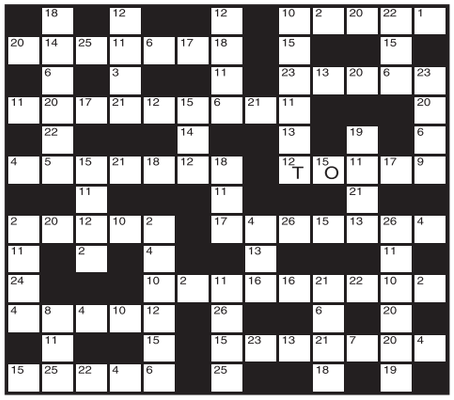

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

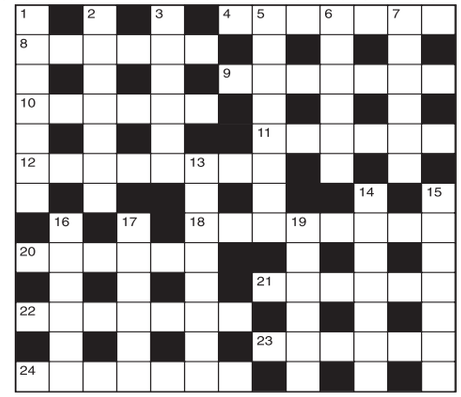
Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. They accompany wild Cortes to the south (7)
8. Charged for being drunk (6)
9. A politician after alternative rhetorical expression (7)
10. What the watch did is marked as correct (6)
11. The top of a sugar-coated cake? (3-3)
12. Not in favour of a little work modelling (8)
18. Fixed a fight and attacked (3,5)
20. Isn't able to keep a girl in bed (6)
21. Top grade fish in poor condition (6)
22. About to do some arithmetic and tell a story (7)
23. Onslaught to put new life into the battery (6)
24. Put one's foot down and made an impression (7)

Down

1. One tail wagging in high spirits! (7)
2. Crazy internationals are tearaways (7)
3. Removes any inclination (6)
5. Seeing about painting being put up in a right line (8)
6. Not in the clique for a start (6)
7. Sailor Brown checked material (6)
13. The cane isn't used for example (8)
14. Artistic work by the shearer? (7)
15. Cause amazement when rags get out of order (7)
16. Half last camping gear in lying out of sight (6)
17. Where the schoolboy may be found to be a tell-tale (6)
19. What attracts the moth to settle (6)



Quick Clues:

Across

4. An attendant (7)
8. Accustomed (6)
9. Mysterious (7)
10. Dried grape (6)
11. Easement (6)
12. Break (8)
18. Unmindful (8)
20. For each (6)
21. Interior (6)
22. Think true (7)
23. Leave off (6)
24. Brittle (7)

Down

1. Diaphragm (7)
2. Melodious (7)
3. Portray (6)
5. Real (8)
6. Subject to (6)
7. Delicate (6)
13. Vast change (8)
14. Shortfall (7)
15. Views (7)
16. Seem (6)
17. Vision (6)
19. A meal (6)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Small change; 9 Hip; 10 Went to sea; 11 Roods; 13 Rush mat; 14 Affair; 16 Sexton; 18 Sent out; 19 Paris; 20 Editorial; 21 Leo; 22 Rest assured. Down: 2 Map; 3 Lawns; 4 Centre; 5 Artiste; 6 Gasometer; 7 Sharp answer; 8 Parting shot; 12 Offensive; 15 Iron out; 17 Stairs; 19 Pilau; 21 Lee.
QUICK - Across: 1 Substantial; 9 Rye; 10 Attention; 11 Fleet; 13 Emanate; 14 Choice; 16 Advise; 18 Emulate; 19 Toned; 20 Constrain; 21 Fen; 22 Depredatory.
Down: 2 Use; 3 Scant; 4 Anthem; 5 Tankard; 6 Agitation; 7 Proficiency; 8 Independent; 12 Eloquence; 15 Chatter; 17 Regard; 19 Tenet; 21 Far.

Quiz

1. In which ocean did the mutiny on the Bounty take place?
2. What type of animal is a marmoset?
3. Which religion is divided between the Digambaras and the Svetambaras?
4. In which country is the Grande Dixence Dam?
5. Of which country is Cape York Peninsula the most northerly mainland point?
6. Of which rodent is the guinea pig a species?
7. Which town is the administrative centre of Cornwall?
8. What do we call the biennial Pastinaca sativa?
9. Who is best known as the author of the Doctor books?
10. The troy pound is used for weighing what?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Anthony Blunt; 2 South American tree; 3 Camel; 4 Uranus; 5 Spain; 6 Sinbad; 7 Oregon; 8 Laurel; 9 7 million pounds; 10 Mars.

Niner: SHIPBOARD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

84669126 gives a poet,
43728 gives a second poet,
573826 gives a third poet.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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If you were lucky it may have been accompanied by a limp wet salad garnish. And you probably had to wait between 30 to 45 minutes to get the attention of one of the two waitresses tasked with serving drinks on the floor to the big gamblers.

And when you did make awkward eye contact, you were charged £2.50 for the privilege of receiving two heavily buttered white slices of nothingness.

Boy, how things have changed… casinos today are as much about food, shopping and entertainment as they are about the gambling… and Birmingham's Broadway Casino is no different.

Toasted bread with garlic, chopped tomato and basil

Try The Restaurant at Broadway Casino

THRIVING

Nestled away in the popular Broadway Plaza, the casino has been a thriving venue for many years, often attracting some of the world's biggest names in poker during its special festivals.

For first timers, the set up may seem intimidating as you're met outside by two doormen, before showing your ID in order to gain entry through the barrier.

But once you're in, the sheer size and elegance of the building blows you away. A huge private bar on the left, plush sofas to recline on and take a break from the action and of course plenty of casino tables, offering a host of different games.

I am all too familiar with the layout having enjoyed plenty of nights of Texas Hold'em over the years, but I was very intrigued to try out the new Italian restaurant, ironically called 'The Restaurant'.

This new reboot replaced a slightly strange Chinese/Italian/Indian and Thai fusion restaurant called Mirage, that offered plenty of options without really having a true identity. That cannot be said of 'The Restaurant,' whose mission statement promised 'a taste of Italy renowned for its fresh ingredients and rustic meals'.

The menu was a breath of fresh air, no more Caesar salad followed by tandoori chicken or Vietnamese noodles – this was crisp, elegant and most important of all, simple.

The best Italian food is simple, the freshness of the ingredients are there to speak for themselves.

Prices appeared very reasonable and nobody will not be disappointed with the selections on offer.

I decided on the 'Bruschetta Basilico,' which to you and me is toasted bread, with garlic, chopped tomatoes and basil. The dish was served by an authentic Italian named Roberto, who I came to learn was the manager of the restaurant.

Happily done I awaited my main dish of the evening, the sea bass. Yes, I could have gone a little more indulgent, but I wanted to see exactly how they executed a delicate piece of fish on a busy Friday night.

When it arrived, I was not disappointed. Visually stunning, their presentation was spot on and I was delighted they showcased the whole fish rather than two boneless fillets that often look pretty sad on the plate.

Roberto (full name Roberto Santolamazza) hails from Rome. No fake Italian accent here, he was the real deal and his warmth and passion for the food made the experience all the better.

I was too full to have a dessert , but the plates flying out on the other tables looked sublime.

I will certainly be returning and the best thing about leaving is that you can win your meal on the way out!

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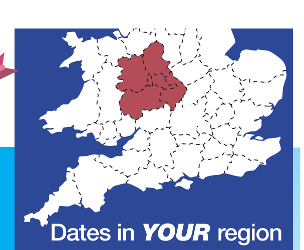

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PEGGY young 58, married but lonely, WLTM a nice man similar age for days, evenings out and friendship. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6025217**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3003 Box 419673**

FEMALE 66, smoker, enjoys music, TV, meals out/in, looking for male, 68-75, for friendship maybe more. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 4416972**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3011 Box: 409715**

JAN 40s, small outgoing affectionate blonde, likes cuddles, seeks romantic male to share special times and bring sunshine into her life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428089**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3019 Box: 413399**

MARY 46, shy curvy brunette looking for someone to be a good fun friend, to laugh with and love. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428073**

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3023 Box 421375**

ATTRACTIVE lady 61yrs young. Looking for friendship, maybe more with genuine gent. I'm feminine and curvy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428157**

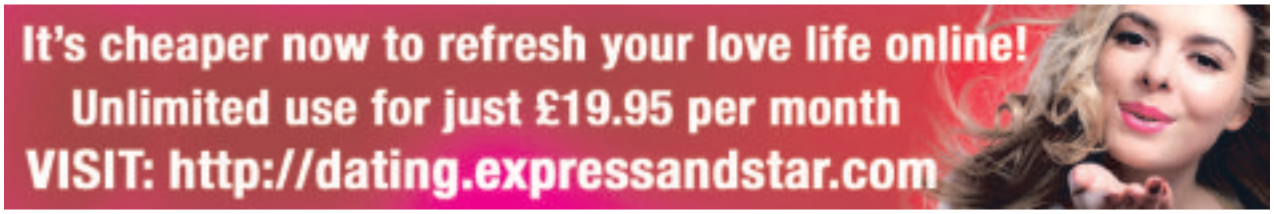
TAMIKA, mature black beauty, hourglass figure and open minded. Pls call if you are discreet, broad minded and nice. I can travel and accommodate. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3007 Box 422365**

CHRISTINE, 60 something lady, blue eyed blonde. Sincere, solvent and kind. Call me if you are interested in meeting up. Looks unimportant. Must be N/S. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428155**

SAMANTHA, 35yrs, attractive brunette with own business, seeks adventurous gent for casual relationship. **Tel: 0906 515 3035 Box 425979**

CAROL, attractive lady 55yrs young, slim, tanned, brunette. If you are genuine and looking to date then call or text me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428153**

TAMARA, 44yrs, beautiful Indian lady seeks a Muslim gent 40+ **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428147**



HARRIETT 42yrs, blue eyed brunette with long lets and decent curves! Looking for a cheeky adventurous man for fun only. I live alone so can accommodate and can travel. Discretion assured. ACA. Give me a try. **Tel: 0906 515 3031 Box 426205**

GENUINE caring lady 65yrs, varied interests, solvent, loves life, feminine, WLTM gent of any age for life's pleasures. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428151**

CARMEL, open minded naughty lady seeks a broad minded strict man to unleash her wilder side. Age/looks unimportant but no time wasters please. **Tel: 0906 515 3043 Box 426851**

RACHAEL, 50yrs, blue-eyed attractive lady, loves films, music and home life. WLTM gent 50-70yrs. ACA or text. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428149**

CAROLINE, 42yrs, well educated, sophisticated "some call me posh" married lady, looking for no strings midweek liaisons. **Tel: 0906 515 3027 Box 427533**

TINA, 47yrs, GSOH and good figure with average looks. I want a similar man, GSOH looks unimportant. Age is but a number. I have no car but can accommodate. **Text Only. Box: 4145368**

IF you are interested in meeting an attractive black lady then please call me. I'm Nikki, 57yrs, attractive, interested and kind. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428145**

JANE, new to area, hoping to meet an older gent. I am 38yrs, brunette with boyish leggy figure. N/S with GSOH. I've a good job and small flat which I own. **Text Only. Box: 4099268**

SLIM attractive lady, 59yrs, feminine, kind, loves life. Call me or text me your number and let's meet up. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428143**

MANDY, 64yrs but still fit and sexy. Hoping to meet younger local lad for good daytime fun. Chats and texts any time. **Text Only. Box: 4050784**

ATTRACTIVE widow, attractive, blonde, GSOH, solvent with good figure. All that's missing is a nice man 60+. Call me if you are interested. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428139**

CAROL, 60 something lady with a wicked sense of humour, please call or text for more info. I promise to reply to all callers. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428141**

PAULINE, 59yrs, nurse who loves her uniform! I'm married but work odd hours so can meet easily. ACA. **Text Only. Box: 4110283**

TRACY, 68yrs, recently retired and has time on her hands. Would love to meet a much much much younger chap for carefree times. **Text Only. Box: 4006039**

LADY, 63, WLTM a gentleman of similar age, for friendship and outings. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428029**

HELLO, my name is Pia, I am a very petite, kind and respectful Asian girl, hoping to meet an older white man. I'm 23yrs old and have just moved her. **Text Only. Box: 4177099**

STUNNINGLY attractive black lady, 50s, with blissful imagination, you have to call to hear what's on offer, you won't be sorry!! **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427877**

CULTURED lady with wicked sense of humour, late 60s seeking humorous man for purposeful relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427875**

ATTRACTIVE lady, 51yrs, loves the countryside, walking, fun times. WLTM a genuine man for romance, relationship. Call or text me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427873**

RACHAEL, 42yrs, naughty girl who needs lots of pleasure. Call me. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427871**

BROWN eyed Brummie female 66, smoker, likes music, cinema, theatre, meals out WLTM male 67-74 for LTR. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5877942**

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ATTRACTIVE, slim brunette, 54, widow, kind, caring, romantic, enjoys the arts, sightseeing, dining out, seeks professional gent with GSOH and family values, with mutual interests. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428013**

GEORGINA, 50s, attractive, happy blonde, loves sport, theatre, seeks intelligent, lively male to share the fun side of life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428053**

SUE 53, voluptuous, outgoing, cuddly and bubbly, loves a joke and just wants fun, flirting and laughter in her life again, seeks her Mr Charming. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427913**

MICHELLE, 37, pretty, very fit, well travelled seeks active, broadminded male to share new experiences and adventures with. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427897**

EMMA 56, active and always on the go, seeks fit, active, country loving guy who shares passion for the outdoors. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427811**

ATTRACTIVE lady, 57yrs, great sense of humour, now looking for good times and good memories. Hoping to meet gent any age. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427883**

GEMMA, 25yrs, green eyed brunette lady, loves to read raunchy books so has a huge imagination, hoping to expand upon it in real life. Call me. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427881**

ATTRACTIVE lonely widow, mid 70s seeking gent for friendship. Pls call or text. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427879**

MICHELLE, 28yrs blue eyed blonde with busty figure. I'm very mature for my age and hope to meet a man to care for. I'm willing to please. Call or text me and I will get straight back to you. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427649**

PAM, 40, cuddly feminine young looking female, OHAC, financially secure, looking for fun times without complications with like-minded male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427753**

SUSAN, 41, sophisticated, confident, discreet, attractive female seeking respectful professional male for daytime meets and loving friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427729**

KAZ blue eyed bubbly female 38, full of life, OHAC, employed, looking for nice N/S responsible middle aged male for fun times, nothing serious. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427607**

ANNETTA, hoping to meet a very caring, loving male, 55-75, someone genuine and down to earth, to enjoy company and hopefully share a future together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427301**

MANDY divorced independent 46yr old single mum, confident, bubbly and social, looking for male companion to share good times and to be there for each other. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427581**

SUE, 47, attractive lonely brunette who loves evenings in/out, music, WLTM someone sincere to love and get close to, why not give me a call? **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427549**

JASMINE, Petite Black lady 51yrs, varied interests. Seeking white man for relationship. Looks unimportant. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427657**

MATURE lady, slim and youthful, divorcee, loves laughter, life and everything. WLTM gent for continued fun and passion. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427655**

CATHY, 54yr old widow, I'm kind and warm hearted and hoping you will call me. Looks unimportant must have GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427653**

JANE, attractive 50 something lady. I love to cook and care for my man. Is that you? ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427651**

SONIA, mature lady, pretty and feminine with fair hair. Loves to socialise, walking, car boot sales and more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427647**

JANE 55yrs romantic homely lady, hoping to meet a man for outings, to cook and care for. You won't be sorry if you call. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427645**

HELLO I'm 47yrs old, I'm a curvy brunette, varied interests with GSOH, hard working and solvent. WLTM gent taller than me, 5ft3. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427639**

ATTRACTIVE Irish lady, 34yrs seek gent of any age. I'm caring, attractive with lots of offer, call to hear more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427637**

HELLO I am a black lady, 60yrs young with a great personality and lovely looks. Call if you are looking to meet someone like me, or text me. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427585**

Single Men

JACK 23, single, tall, young looking guy, kind and respectful, seeking female age/looks not important for mutual NSA fun. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6026038**

MALE 64, fit, non-smoker, looking for NSA fun with lady, any age. I am kind and caring but miss the touch of a woman. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6025714**

TALL, dark, attractive male, 56, 6ft, WLTM an attractive female, any age, for discreet fun and intimate times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428109**

FUN loving Irish man, seeks relationship, for fun times and going out. Please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 428077**

MALE, 47, fit, slim, honest man, seeking nice, slim, honest lady for LTR, going out for drinks and having good times together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427923**

MALE, dark hair, dark eyes, slim, 47, likes walking, camping, pubs, dancing, looking for a slim, honest lady, for fun times and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427831**

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I am Kev, 57, looking for a lady in my life. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6023170**

SHAUN, 50, honest, reliable, OHOC, employed, animal lover, likes walks in the country, meals out in country pubs, walking my dogs, looking for my soul mate. If you would like to know more get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427497**

JAY, attractive, 6ft2, single father, loves a laugh and a giggle, looking for a lady for evenings out, company and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424303**

MARK, 25yrs, 6ft6in, tall, good slim body with my own place. Seeks older lady who is still up for it. Txt me. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5979541**

GENTLEMAN, kind, considerate, tactile, thoughtful and caring, hobbies include growing fuschias and vintage tractors, looking for a country girl, someone with no plans of grandeur. Truth and trust number 1 as I trust you so you tell me the truth, and vice versa. Looking for someone to hold and love forever. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427791**

SINGLE male, 43, looking for female friends for txt, phone chats, maybe more. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6017886**

MALE, 47, fit, slim, honest man, seeking nice, slim, honest lady for LTR, going out for drinks and having good times together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427923**

MALE 40s, 5ft 8ins, brown hair, seeks lovely honest girl for fun and friendship please. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6018513**

MARK 40s, from the Birmingham area WLTM a female, any nationality, for LTR. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6016342**

MALE, a young 60 would love to meet a cuddly lady. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6016333**

MALE, 50, brown hair, brown eyes, average looks, 16 and a half stone, good sense of humour, animal lover with loads of love and security to give to the right person. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 418783**

HI my name is Jay. I'm looking for a lady to have a lovely evening with, maybe once or twice a week. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427927**

MALE 5ft 8ins, average looks, seeking genuine, honest, caring female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413945**

HI my name is Ben. I am 43 years old, 5ft7, slim build, smart dresser, looking for a bored similar lady for naughty texting. **Text only Replies. Mailbox: 6007244**

PHIL 55, divorced, 5ft 10ins, slim, OHAC, seeks female, 18 plus for discreet adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 401875**

GENUINE 56yr old male, divorced, OHAC, looking for nice lady for friendship, maybe more. Wolverhampton. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 405551**

GENUINE male, 57, OHAC, looking for female, any race, status and age for no strings discreet fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411461**

MALE 57, OHAC, discreet, seeks no strings fun with younger female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 414991**

MALE, 51, 5ft11, romantic, sporty, seeks lady for holidays, meals out, concerts, cinema and theatre and to share good times. All calls answered. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427841**

TALL, dark, attractive male, 57, WLTM an attractive female for discreet daytime fun, 25-50. Can travel. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 425759**

COLIN, five foot eight, blue eyes, bundle of fun to be around, likes growing fuchsias for showing, vintage tractor for showing, weekends away, going out and staying in WLTM a lady for friendship/LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420089**

ANDY 58, single, self-employed, fit, WLTM attractive fashionable lady, non-smoker, who likes to keep in shape, for friendship. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5503219**

MALE, 57, medium build, WLTM a lady 50-60 to put a smile back on my face, would like to take out fishing, or on my bike. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5838916**

MALE, 52 and single, looking for a female, 34+, looking for love and a relationship and more. Likes cuddles and kisses. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5992418**

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NICE old-fashioned gent, seeks kind, caring romantic lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 416905**

STEVE, 55, WLTM a lady for fun on a regular or occasional basis. If you are interested please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427567**

GENUINE male, young 57, medium build, single, kind, caring, good heart, GSOH, seeks attractive lady 35-55 for fun & friendship, possible LTR. **Text only. Mailbox: 5321154**

COLIN, 50, kind, loving, seeks cuddly, large, kind, loving lady, 45-55, for LTR love/romance. Must like cuddles, kisses and holding hands. **Text only. Mailbox: 5892643**

GENT, 65, seeks discreet lady, for special times, mutually beneficial to both, with that special lady. Wolverhampton and surrounding areas. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427529**

SHAUN, 50, honest, reliable, OHOC, employed, animal lover, likes walks in the country, meals out in country pubs, walking my dogs, looking for my soul mate. If you would like to know more get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427497**

TALL, 63-year-old male, seeking n/s female, 45+, for hassle free fun times, in the Wolverhampton and surrounding areas. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424291**

MALE 46, brown hair/eyes, average looks/build, loving, caring, understanding, seeks female to share good times with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410845**

JIM, 5ft9, N/S, retired, enjoys holidays abroad and at home, weekends away, days out, meals out, looking to meet a female who enjoys similar interests, for long lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 427305**

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MALE crossdresser, 60, looking for mature male for relationship. Cannot accommodate. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6024491**

I am retired and would like a fellow gay for friendship and fun. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6022718**

GAY mature male, would like to meet male, 65 to 75, for discreet fun. I will give massage and help with housework. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 4172285**

MARRIED bi curious male, 36 yrs, slim, considered good looking, WLTM a male aged 60 – 80. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 4930039**

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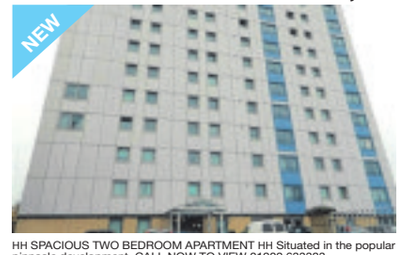

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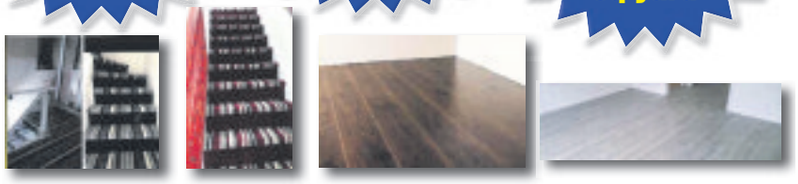

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1 Family

elderly & disabled

MOBILITY SCOOTER Galaxy Plus mobility scooter. Used 3 times. As new. Long range between battery charge. **£1,500.** 01902 758288.

WHEELCHAIR Never used, plus cushion, lightest folding down in boot of car, Betterlife, £60. 01922 473962.

2 Leisure Time

boats & water sports

DAWNCRAFT 22 Moored on The River Severn, powered by Honda 15hp outboard engine, as new, boat safety certificate till September 2020. **£6,995 ono.** 07906 245420.

car boot sales

GIANT THURSDAY CAR BOOT SALE
This Thursday and every Thursday
6am - 2pm at
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Every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday
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A BEAUTIFUL PARK NR LUDLOW 35x12 caravans from £10,000.Gym Par 3 golf, bowls, why go further? www.bcpark.co.uk 01584823433

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Finance Cleared
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Please Call
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VENTURA CADET PORCH AWNING
Fibre poles, good condition, **£150.**
One 40L aquaroll and one wastemaster **£25 each.**
Extension leads 7m, **£10**
36m, **£40.**
Washing line, 3 arm tripod, **£10.**
Telephone 01889 574167.

2 BED STATIC CARAVAN for sale on Seaside holiday park Borth. Full 12 month season, great facilities. Pet friendly, wi-fi. £10,995. Paul 07960 944721 or 01970 871933.

2 BED STATIC CARAVAN Mid Wales. Lovely views. Large decking and lawn. Two fishing pools. 20 minutes to coast. Rent included for 2017. Dogs welcome. No age limit on caravans. **£7,500.** 07555 303350.

caravans wanted

CARAVAN WANTED. Cash on pick up, asap caravan wanted. Call me on 07717 090817.

holidays

self catering holidays

BURNHAM-ON-SEA
Self Catering Holiday Apartments
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www.GoSomerset.co.uk

travel abroad

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IT'S BACK IT'S BACK MIDLANDS BIGGEST CAR BOOT SALE
SELLERS TURN UP FROM 6AM
THIS SUNDAY AND EVERY SUNDAY
Now at Bognop Road, Essington WV11 2AZ
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mind, body & soul

massage

MOBILE Aromatherapy Massage Therapist Home / Hotel. To book appointments call 07437 569187.

what's on

antique fairs

ANTIQUE/COLLECTORS FAIR Kinver Comm Centre, Sun 6th August (inc postcards) (also Bromsgrove every Fri, Militaria 4th Aug) EST 1979 Waverley. Next Book Fair Sun 20th Aug. Stalls available for all. Home made refreshments. 0121 550 4381

markets

STOURBRIDGE CAR BOOT
At Stourbridge Rugby Club
Open every Wednesday from 24th May
07957 399964

3 Home & Services

furniture

Furniture not sold, why not donate it?
katharine house hospice enriching life and living
Reg charity number: 1011712
We can turn your quality used furniture into 1st class care for patients at Katharine House
Call us now on 01785 760715
for details or to arrange a FREE collection

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household appliances

A MUST CLEAR OUT
Cookers, Fires, Autos, Tumble dryers, Built in ovens, Hobs, Fridge freezers, lots more at low prices.
01902 403770
Past & Present
24 - 26 church street, Bilston (opposite town hall).

in your garden

BLOXWICH FENCING
Supply and Fit or DIY
Credit cards taken • Free quotes
WS3 2BQ
Freephone 0500 506041 or 01922 712184

6x5 Lap Panels
£17 each (inc vat)
WS3 2BQ
Bloxwich Fencing Ltd
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items for sale

ASH RECLAMATION
All reclaimed building materials
UPVC doors and windows
New and Used
Gatehouse Trading Est.
Lichfield Road, Brownhills, WS8 6JZ
01543 453222
07956 627367

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That the Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order of 1977 requires that advertisements must clearly differentiate between Private and Trade.

ASH RECLAMATION new and used building materials, upvc doors and windows 01543 453222.

items wanted

A Genuine Lady Buyer!
Cash paid £300+ per ounce for 9 car- at scrap gold. Any amount collected!
Sovereigns £200+ each, Watches, Coins, Medals & more
Highly Recommended!
01922 495066 or 07971 783206

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Frank Bosworth Furniture
IN LIQUIDATION
EVERYTHING MUST GO
All Fashion Beds - Sleigh Beds, Metal, Iron and Ottoman Beds
PLUS UPTO 12 MONTHS INTEREST FREE CREDIT (SUBJECT TO STATUS)
Over 1000 Mattresses in stock whether its Budgets, Orthopaedic, Memory Foam or Pocket Sprung. We are your One Stop Bed Shop - We manufacture every conceivable mattress at the lowest factory direct prices - Cheap Junior Matts from £29.00 - Medium quality matts from £39.00 - Ortho and Memory Foam from £59.00 - Complete Divan Beds from £79.00 - Fashion & Bunk Beds in designer metal and wood. Ottoman Storage and Drawer Divans - You name it we have got it at the right price made to measure sizes and special requests a speciality. Factory Shop open 7 days major credit cards welcome

LEATHER & FABRIC RECLINER CHAIRS UPTO 70% OFF
DISPLAY MODELS
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WAS £999
NOW £299

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Open Everyday 10am-6pm OPEN SUNDAY 10AM - 4PM
BFC FACTORY OUTLET
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OFF A461 2 MINS FROM NEW TESCO & TOBY CARVERY
0121 557 6885
INTEREST FREE CREDIT (T/C'S APPLY)
VISA MasterCard

pc's, laptops & accessories

CLIENT COMPUTERS

Certified technician & Microsoft partner. Repair & maintain laptops and PCs. In West Midlands. Virus removal, broken screens, wifi. Windows problems etc. Home visits or bring to me. Long established. Laptops available.
0121 556 9481

CLIENT COMPUTERS Certified technician and microsoft partner. Repair and maintain laptops and pcs. Virus removal, broken screens, wifi, windows problem etc. Laptops available. 0121 556 9481

specialists at your service

aerials

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AERIALS FITTED FROM £75
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01543 439095 • 01922 716029

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Steve - AA Digital Aerials

For great business results call
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alarms/security

PREMIER ALARMS
Supplied and Fitted £249
Servicing and Repairs
12 Months Warranty
All areas covered
All quotes beaten!
Call: 0121 601 9791

bathrooms

BATHROOM DESIGN All bathrooms fitted, tiling, flooring, complete bathrooms: 07850 382548.

building services

AD DAMP PROOFING
APPROVED CONTRACTOR
All damp problems, roofing, building & plastering work
FREE QUOTES
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building supplies

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carpentry & joinery

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SPR CARPENTRY Six internal pre-primed doors fully fitted from £370. 0121 5322672 or 07958 552625.

carpet fitters

A CARPETS & VINYLS supplied or just fitted, quality samples brought to your home, no job too small, free quotes call Mark 01543 820598 / 07941 619694.

fencing

PORTWAY FENCING
SPECIAL OFFER
10 Bays of quality fencing, concrete posts, gravel boards £695
Heavy duty panels supplied & fitted.
0121 531 5250 / 07866 137 656
Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm
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83 Portway Rd, W'bury
DELIVERY AVAILABLE
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THANK YOU CLASSIFIEDS!

"I am extremely happy with the service I get from my Express & Star Classified Sales Representatives and would recommend them to anyone! They have done a very professional job with my website so I get online enquiries as well now."

Michael- Portway Fencing

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gardening services

Landywood Tree & Landscaping Services
All garden work, tree felling/lopping, pruning, hedges trimmed, turf, patios, fencing, block-paving etc.
www.landywoodlandscaping.co.uk
01922 898 710 / 07973 177 976

H. COOPER & SON Landscaping / garden maintenance. No job too small, Free Quotes: 07904 929632.

J&B TREE CARE Landscape and Jetwashing Services. All Pesticide /Fungicide work. Free fixed quotes: 07786 166856/ 01922 449268.

gas fitting

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• Boilers • Cookers
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• Landlord Certificates
• Gas Leaks Traced
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Same Day Service
Free Quotes
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READERS ARE ADVISED
To check that anyone carrying out any Gas work is Gas Safe Registered.
It is an offence under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 to carry out gas work in the UK without being on the Gas Safe Register.

gates

ALL METAL GATES,RAILINGS, etc. Free quotes, also repairs & fitting. 07903 500642 24 hours.

DARLASTON FABS 30 years exp in supplying/ fitting gates and railings. Free quotes: 07497 667752.

handyman services

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Mr Causer.

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All work guaranteed, Most trades covered, References available on request. No job too big or too small!
CALL MIKE: 07947 621047
0121 6010479

HANDY MAN - Most trades, plumbing, heating, gardening & decorating. Gutter clean no ladders, free quotes. 07850 559315.

LOCK & CARPENTRY Plumbing, Small job specialist. Free quotes 01902 683100 or 07934 460864.

house clearances

A1 HOUSE CLEARANCE
Full, part and single rubbish removed.
Garage and sheds cleared. Leather 3 piece suites and leather chesterfields wanted.
01922 492007

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Full, part and single rubbish removed.
Garage and sheds cleared. Leather 3 piece suites and leather chesterfields wanted.
01922 492007

ALL ROUND CLEARANCE
Professional family run business
House clearances full or part, also garages, sheds etc.
Telephone Kev
07794 912844

kitchen fitters

THE KITCHEN FITTER Over 20 years experience. Call 07881 654757 or 01543 373233.

painters / decorators

C&D DECORATING City & Guilds / Wallpapering. Tiling and Flooring. Free quotes, call 07973 286288.

LADY DECORATOR Full house or one wall to customer requirements. Free quotes call: 07522 643706.

plans prepared

ADAM DESIGN, Building Plans. Drawn and submitted to council. Tel: 01902 620200 / 07841 654037. Email: adamdesign@sky.com

plastering

MINT PLASTERING
For the very best in plastering and rendering, full rooms inc materials from 110. Halls, stairs and landings from 200
30 years experience.
Free quotes. All work guaranteed
01922 606503 / 07519 694516

M & S PLASTERING & BUILDING Services. Home/Garden Improvements.Mark or Sara: 07741 770897

MINT PLASTERING & rendering 30 yrs exp. All work guaranteed. 01922 606503 or 07519 694516.

STEVES PLASTERING SERVICE Clean and Reliable, All Work Undertaken, All Areas. Call 0121 567 5919 / 07977 262943.

plumbing & heating

ALL PLUMBING WORK UNDERTAKEN
No job too small or large.
Call Will for a free quote
07521 411108

A.A HEATING & PLUMBING All gas work. Install/ Service/ Repair. 01922 660410 or 07540 950588.

PLUMBING WORK UNDERTAKEN No job too small or large. Call Will for a free quote on: 07521 411108.

removals

KT HOUSE REMOVALS
12 years experience.
SINGLE ITEMS TO FULL LOADS.
LOCAL OR DISTANCE. FULLY INSURED.
Free Quotes - Call Ric on:
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CALL DEAN NOW: For all your Removal needs. 07429 453209/ 01902 830870 / 01384 940260.

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KT REMOVALS 12 yrs exp. Single items to full load removals. Local / distance. Call Ric: 07771 727119.

roofing

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rubbish removal

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STONES SKIP HIRE 0121 557 1480 / 07886 721875 www.stoneskiphire.co.uk

upholstery

MR B'S UPHOLSTERY
RE- UPHOLSTERING OF SOFA'S, DINING FURNITURE, CARAVANS, CAR RETRIMS AND MORE.
www.mrbsupholstery.co.uk
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4 Pets & Animals

guns & dogs

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equestrian corner

ALL READERS are advised to check if Horses, Donkeys or Ponies have the required Passport information.

pets corner

NOTICE TO READERS
Please be aware that when purchasing a puppy there are some simple guidelines you can follow to ensure that you are not purchasing from a Puppy Farmer:
1. Try to ensure you visit the puppy whilst it is still with it's Mother.
2. Do not arrange to collect a puppy from any other location than that of the breeder.
3. Ensure that you are given any KC documentation, if pedigree.
Whilst Midland News Association publications take great care to avoid publication of advertisements from Puppy Farmers we cannot accept any liability should readers purchase from this kind of establishment.

5 Business & Farming

business opportunities

READERS are recommended to take appropriate professional advice before entering into any obligations.

business directory

commercial premises

UNITS AND OFFICE SPACE to let in Oldbury, West Bromwich and Walsall. Easy Terms. Ashmore Properties 0121 520 5318.

FreeAds
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For items upto £250.
Online at
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6 Property

accommodation to let

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NO DEPOSIT
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Studios
from £90pw*
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*Includes Most Bills
CHECK WEBSITE FOR LIVE LIST
Midland Landlord Accreditation Scheme
01902 213121
J9accommodation.com

NOTICE TO READERS
Readers are advised to seek independent legal advice before entering into any financial commitments/contracts.

NOTICE TO READERS
It is an offence under the Accommodation Agencies Act 1953, for an Agency to charge a fee simply for the registration of your requirements and/or supplying particulars of premises to let.

properties wanted

WE PAY 100% of purchase price EVERY TIME!
FAST 4 Your House CASH
You agree the price, we buy the house...
• NO AGENTS FEES • COMPLETION TO SUIT YOU
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Sell today, sign today, complete when u wish
£££ RENT BACK OPTIONS £££
Houses / Land Required
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Sandwell area: Call 0121 696 4154
Walsall & Cannock area: Call 01922 432049
Wolverhampton: Call 01902 489901
www.homecashbuyer.co.uk

THANK YOU CLASSIFIEDS!

"I am really pleased with the response I get from my Classified Advertising! Our directory page on expressandstar.com has generated extra activity on our website."

Paul Westwood - Home Cash Buyer

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overseas property

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7 Jobs

dentistry

DENTAL NURSES AND RECEPTIONISTS required, GDC registered, Flexible hours F/T, P/T available - 7 days per week (8am - 11pm) Wage 12K - 20 k - negotiable, overtime & bonuses Immediate starts Apprenticeships available email CV info@scottarmsdentalpractice.com

drivers

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS Class 2 & 7.5T multi-drop 07960 275659

full time - general

The Poplars Nursing Home

We are looking to recruit the following

REGISTERED NURSE/RGN

Full-time (Nights) x 2 | Full-time (Days) x 1
£15.50 - £17.00 per hour depending on experience.
Suitable experience in nursing home setting is essential.

NURSING ASSISTANT

£8.50- 9.50 per hour
Minimum NVQ Level 3 Health & Social Care & at least 2 years' experience as a Senior Care Assistant or equivalent

CARE ASSISTANT

National Vocational Qualification level II in Care, or equivalent.

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR

Full time 9am till 5pm
(some weekends may be required)
£7.50 - £8.10 - hourly (based upon experience)

To apply email your CV to poplarscare@hotmail.co.uk

ACME SPRINGS

TOOLSETTER

MULTI SLIDE MACHINES AND FLYPRESSES

A West Bromwich based spring making company has an immediate vacancy for an experienced tool setter and spring maker for a small but busy press shop.

Duties will include setting and operating four slide machines and CNC Multislide Strip and Wire-formers and the setting of both hand, bench presses and power presses. The ideal candidate should be experienced in multislide and four slide operation, however consideration will be given to candidates with some experience. The ability to work on one's own initiative will be beneficial as will the ability to work to the controls of ISO EN BS 9001:2008.

Good clean bright working conditions, 37 hours per week (8.00am-4.00) Monday to Friday.

Apply in writing in the first instance with CV to-

**The Managing Director,
The Acme Spring Co. Ltd
Brandon Way, West Bromwich B70 9PQ
e-mail acmespring@aol.com**

pjwhandley@btinternet.com

Scriven & Thornton
Fine Foods Ltd
Est. 1972

SCRIVEN & THORNTON
Cradley Heath require the following staff

EXPERIENCED BUTCHER Full time position
DELI CARVERY ASSISTANT Part time position
TRAINEE / IMPROVER BUTCHER Full time position
GOOD RATES OF PAY

For further details contact Jason on 01384 566652 or email: jason@scrivenandthornton.co.uk

courses

BIRMINGHAM: 25-26 SEPT & 30 NOV.-1 DEC.
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Learn how to take blood
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hair & beauty

SCHOOL LEAVER REQUIRED

For Apprenticeship at Gentlemans hairdresser Quinton area

0121 422 4104

employment wanted

CLASS 1 HGV DRIVER seeks work, very experienced, CPC, full or part time, self employed or casual, nights out fine, any class, anything considered.
01922 516528.

8 Motoring

cars over £1500

CORSA 1300
2010, diesel, 4dr, Radio / CD, 52,000 miles, FSH, 10 months MoT.
Excellent condition.
£3,500
07508 037545.

HYUNDAI i30
2016, 1.4 petrol,
5Dr hatchback, reverse camera, Sat nav, 10,300 miles, one previous owner.
£9,850.
07828 749540
or
0121 558 7148.

DIESEL

KIA SOUL 1.5
60 Reg., black, diesel, automatic, 5Dr hatchback, only 47,130 miles.
Very good condition.
£5,250
01543 473995.

MERCEDES E270 CDI
2004, 139000 miles, MOT to Jan 2018, Elegance trim, Full leather, Climate, Sat nav, 6 CD, Full history, Just serviced, Excellent condition,
£2,950
01562 730897 or
07563 795191. Holy Cross.

NISSAN JUKE 1.6 ACENTA PREMIUM
2013, 24,000 miles, petrol, white, air con, fsh, MoT, cruise control, Bluetooth, Sat Nav, excellent condition.
£8,250.
07800 786887.

EXCELLENT CONDITION

NISSAN NOTE AUTO 1600CC PETROL
37,000 miles, 2010,
12 months MoT,
must be seen.
£3,800 ono
07933 070644 after 3pm.

VAUXHALL ADAM SLAM
2013, 34k miles green/cream, climate control, mood lighting, half leather seats plus much more.
£5,675 ono
07813 052573.

cars under £1500

CHEVROLET MATIZ SX
2006, ocean blue, good runner, 125,000 miles, abs, electric windows and mirrors, air bags, a/c, MoT to end June 2018, central locking, pas, alloys, CD.
£350.
07890 915022.

HYUNDAI GETZ
1.3 GSi
05 reg, 3dr black, SH, good condition, MoT till March 1.
£650.
Call 07851 601566.

JAGUAR
2001, 3.0 Sports
New tyres, drives excellently, gear box fault, no reverse. Offers.
01922 493674 or 07593 276314.

MUST BE SEEN

VAUXHALL AGILA
55 plate, 1.2 petrol,
MoT,
Silver,
Clean condition.
£800 ono.
07711 311436.

commercial vehicles

FORD TRANSIT double cab tipper T350, 09 Reg., 5T ram. 11 months MoT. Very good condition. £4,550 ono. 07836 568903.

RENAULT TRAFIC
2005, good body work, spares or repair.
Offers.
07831 356812.

motorbikes

EXCELLENT CONDITION

BSA D7
1961
New MoT, good condition,
Historic vehicle.
£1,400.
07935 902238.

CBF 1000 ABS
59 plate, silver, 13,000 miles only, full service history, MoT 2018. Full Givi Luggage. Custom seat, Autocom plus many more extras, superb condition.
£3,850. 07711 267067.

LAMBRETTA LI125 SERIES 3 (SKELLY)
Registered UK, 1963, MoT, very good condition, includes front leg sheilds, plus horncast / rear boards.
£2,200 ovno
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scrap vehicles

OUR ADVERTISERS are reminded that it is an offence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 to buy scrap cars/metal for cash.

ABC AUTO SALVAGE WANTED URGENT
Scrap & MOT Failures Best Prices Paid ELV Registered Spares Always Available
0121 557 0800 or 0121 557 0400.
Oldbury Area.

vehicles wanted

CROWN MOTORS guarantee best price for your unwanted cars/vans. 07903 549849, buyer will call.

spares & accessories

tyres / wheels / exhausts

VW GOLF WHEELS, four alloys, like new, four brand new tyes, 195/65 R15, £200. 01922 476591.

9 Local Information

public & legal notices

LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICES
For convenience you may fax any advertising requirements to
Marie Hogg on 01902 713146
or email marie.hogg@expressandstar.co.uk
(remember to include a name/contact number for confirmation of receipt)

10 Personals

personal

ATTRACTIVE lonely Female seeking broadminded males within a 20 mile radius. 01902 489 181.

GOOD HONEST DECENT CHEERFUL RELIABLE DOWN TO EARTH BLOKE
Mid sixties, own home, no ties, old fashioned virtues, seek lady 45 - 70 for marriage partner love, laughter, lifes adventures.
**Box Number P20874 ,
Express and Star,
Queen Street,
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.**

73 YEAR OLD MALE
With young outlook on life, own house and car.
Is hoping to find a non-smoking female for friendship, eating out, and days out.
Which could lead to more.
Must live in the Cannock area.
Box Number P20881 ,
Express and Star,
Queen Street,
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

sports clubs

SPORTING KHALSA GIRLS U12's & U15's Girls
Urgently seeking players, team based in Willenhall/Darlaston. Charter Standard Community Club with Womens Team's playing in the FA Womens Premier League.
khalsawomen@sportingkhalsa.com
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I hereby give notice that Sandwell Council has received the following applications under the planning acts which it is required to give public notice for the reason given at the beginning of each group of applications.

This is a major application.

DC/17/60858	Mr Akkas Sheikh	Units 1-3 163, & 148 Leabrook Road Tipton DY4 0DY	Proposed removal of condition 10 of planning permission DC/14/57075 – to allow permanent consent for use as a multifunctional conference & banqueting hall.

This is a major application.

DC/17/60736	Mr Keith Hickman	Land At Summerton Road Oldbury	Proposed outline application for residential development (all matters reserved).

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DC/17/60839	Premier Fleet Services	Site Of Former Rudge And Litley Phoenix Street West Bromwich	Retention of use of land for vehicle storage to include stationing of portacabin and container.

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DC/17/60728	KOK Capital Properties Ltd	Former Cottage Inn Wood Green Road Wednesbury WS10 9QL	Demolition of public house and proposed development consisting of 9 No. town houses and 5 No. apartments.

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MR JAN BRITTON, Chief Executive

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Italian style that appeals to the heart and head

The 500X rivals many family-sized hatchbacks, with room for five adults

By John Griffiths

Even Fiat must have been surprised by the success of its retro-styled 500 nearly a decade ago.

Cute, stylish and economical, the city car was a faithful but modern interpretation of the cheap and cheerful little model which was a mainstay of the Italian motor industry in the 50s, 60s and 70s, much as the Mini was here.

It was, however, significantly bigger: but perhaps not big enough to satisfy all would-be buyers, especially those with growing families. And so a larger, compact MPV (the 500L) was born and more recently its crossover, or compact SUV sibling the 500X.

Both are instantly recognisable members of the family, with the 500 'face' but the X is arguably the prettier, more stylish version, and was targetted at the fastest growing sector of the new car market.

Buyers seem to love SUVs: there are lots of reasons from the high 'command' driving position, ease of access and image (even though the majority sold don't have a traditional SUV's all wheel drive system).

The 500X rivals many family-sized hatchbacks, with room for five adults, with plenty of headroom, and a decent 351 litres of boot space with easily foldable rear seats for a much larger, flat cargo area when the need arises.

But is also has lots of style: it isn't only the car's face which reminds you of its little city car sibling. It's interior is perhaps rather more mature (as befits that 'growing

The car has retro-look handles

family' buyer, but with features such as retro-look door handles, a body-coloured decor strip (bright alloy on top models) and a neatly intergrated infotainment screen with a wide range of functions.

The test car came in 'Lounge' trim, a front wheel drive version powered by a second generation multijet 1.6 litre turbo diesel which, at £20,935, is just about halfway up the 500X range.

The flagship model is the 'Cross' spec with all wheel drive, automatic transmission and a 2.0 litre diesel engine at a touch under £26,000.

The 1.6 turbo diesel, combined with a six-speed manual gearbox, isn't available with all wheel drive but it's still likely to be one of the most popular engine choices for both business and private buyers. The reason is it's blend of performance (0 to 62mph in 10.5 seconds)), economy (60mpg) and low CO2 emissions (109g'km) which translates into low road tax and benefit in kind costs.

It has plenty of torque from low revs for brisk, smooth progress and is quite, too – there's no audible clue to the fact it's an oil-burner under the bonnet.

You can adjust the driving mode with a rotary switch between the seats (standard, sport and winter), which acts on steering and throttle response. Sport mode does make the car feel instantly more lively, more of a 'driver's car' but it's perfectly adequate in standard mode for most purposes.

Winter mode speaks for it out, softening up responses for tackling slippery conditions and naturally on a modern car you have a full range of ekectronic wizardry including traction and stability systems..

While the 500X is taller than most hatchback rivals, the suspension is a good combination - supple enough to soak up the bumps yet firm enough to ensure accurate turn-in through the twisty bits without any appreciable body roll. It's a comfortable, grown up experience.

Many buyers will be happy with the front wheel drive version, as with many of the 500X's compact SUV rivals. The Fiat's automatic system is a competent affair, and comes on models with the range's two most powerful engines, the 140bhp petrol and the 170bhp (two litre) diesel.

For many, there's no substitute for that Italian styling: it's pretty and practical, a car which appeals to both the heart and the head.

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Reliability counts for more than good looks

Perfect family driving mile after mile in this Suzuki

By Andy Richardson

When the SX4 S Cross was being created, the design team presumably took a dozen or more families to one side, plied them with bottles of continental lager and said this: "Draw up a wishlist. Tell us everything you'd like to find in a decent, spacious family car."

And the guys with the continental lager went away and came up with a really, really, really long list.

It would have said things like: cruise control, the option to flit between automatic and manual, paddle controls on the steering wheel if you want to change gear so you haven't got to bother with a clutch – God, clutches are so 1972 – a radar warning system that slows things down if you approach the traffic ahead too quickly, heated seats with options for super warm and merely snugly. There'd be an integrated, digital entertainment console with DAB, USB, SatNav, Bluetooth and touch screen controls as well as smart buttons on the steering column.

And then, while they were getting in another round of continental lager and ordering burgers in brioche buns with extra pickle, they'd ask for three different drive modes – a regular, around-town-or-on-the-motorway mode, a sports mode for when you need to put your foot down and make the engine roar and then a snow/mud 4x4 mode for off-road fun days. There'd be basic comforts, plenty of storage in a split-level boot, the ability for the driver to disable rear window controls in case the kids are getting restless and lowering the windows on the motorway and then there'd be a humungous sun roof that covered both driver and passenger in the front and the kids in the back. Oh, and before they polish off the last of their beers, they'd ask for shiny black alloy wheels, rear privacy glass, LED lights, knee bags as well as airbags, just in case anything ever went wrong.

There's plenty of storage in the boot

The guys in the bar would smile a satisfied smile, hand in their lists and present them to Suzuki Design Co.

At that point, most self-respecting car manufacturers would look at the list, mutter something like 'are you joking, that'll cost a fortune' before ignoring the focus group's wish list and coming up with suggestions that are far more utilitarian and, frankly, not as damned expensive.

And yet the team behind the SX4 S Cross have done something remarkable. They've packed so much new technology into their car that it's difficult to know whether you should drive it or programme it. It's intuitive and responsive, it's light on its feet, the stereo pounds like Friday night in Da Klub.

For sure, the SX4 S Cross isn't the sexiest looking car on the market – neither inside nor out. It's a little clunky and a bit plastic-ey. It's a little bit boy-or-girl-next-door, rather than Hollywood Swoon Biscuit. But Hollywood Swoon Biscuit can be notoriously fickle while him-or-her-next-door is reliable, tried-and-trusted and avoids excess.

And when it comes to good family cars, reliability wins out every time.

The SX4 S Cross drives beautifully. Suzuki's new BoosterJet technology packs plenty of torque into its ramped up 1.4 litre petrol engine while also providing better fuel economy than the 1.6 litre engine. Which is pretty clever, really.

It's sturdy and robust, a genuine Scrum Half of a car that's not going to get buffeted about on windy motorways and remains rigid and upright while off-roading.

Sporty and dynamic, the SX4 S Cross combines stylish, city-orientated designs with genuine off-road capability.

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Former England captain Ted Dexter is now a member of the club after moving to the area

Captain David Barnes (standing) looks on from the balcony at Lord's during the 1973 National Knockout final

Wolverhampton Cricket Club captain James Hammond

The impressive new net facility at Danescourt

Pushing the boundaries to get city into cricket

SPORTING FEATURE

By Tim Spiers

IT may be a well-worn cliché but in this case it's certainly apt – James Hammond wants to put Wolverhampton cricket on the map.

The sport may trail behind football, speedway and boxing for the city's affections.

But Hammond, captain of Wolverhampton Cricket Club, believes the interest is there – and he's keen for his club to exploit it.

A £60,000 makeover of the club's Danescourt Road ground in Tettenhall will certainly help. The picturesque ground boasts new nets and covers, of county cricket standard, for the players, while fans can watch the action from a charming decking area.

You might even find yourself sitting next to former England captain Ted Dexter who, aged 82, has recently moved to Wolverhampton from his home in France to be nearer to his family and has become a club member.

Excellent

Next up, Hammond hopes, will be positive results on the pitch.

A run to the quarter-finals of the National Knockout has helped create a buzz around Danescourt as the current side bid to emulate the legendary Wolverhampton sides of 1973 and 1999 who lifted club cricket's most prestigious trophy on never-to-be-forgotten days at Lord's.

Wolverhampton beat The Mote from Kent in their first appearance at the home of cricket and then overcame Middlesex outfit Teddington in 1999.

A home tie with Ockbrook & Borrowash now awaits on August 6 and Hammond, who bagged five wickets in the last 16 victory over Bootle, is hoping it will capture the attention of the city's cricket fans.

"We just need to get more people to come and watch us now," he said. "Results will help, people want to see a winning side.

"The new facilities are excellent. With the covers, we'd have eight or nine games called off per season before, but now it's three or four.

"There's so much space here and we've got the capacity for another 100, 200, 300 people.

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While 62-times-capped legend Dexter is a very welcome addition to the Wolverhampton ranks, it's future legends that the club wants to produce more than anything.

That said, they've helped nurture their fair share of county players in recent years, as 25-year-old Hammond is keen to point out. "We've got Ted here through connections, which is great," he added. "Dave Lycett and Chris Bowyer have done a great job fundraising and promoting the club on the social side of things, holding a lot of things in the winter as you need to create that revenue for 12 months.

"To have Ted here is lovely. Wine and cheese nights – not many clubs will be doing that! It can only help boost our exposure.

"We've also got, hopefully, a few future legends. We've had a lot of pros who've come through the ranks – I can't name other clubs who've produced the number of first class cricketers that we have."

In the last 15 or 20 years the likes of current Worcestershire player Tom Fell and Vikram Solanki, who also played for the county and represented England, have played through the age groups to adult cricket at Wolverhampton.

Vikram Solanki, ex-Wolverhampton, in England colours

Toughest

Aneesh Kapil and Chris Russell, two more former Worcestershire players, have also played for the club.

Hammond added: "And Birmingham League Cricket is a great place to play your cricket. It's one of the toughest leagues in the country.

"Plus there's been a raft of overseas players that have come and gone and a few more young stars before my time."

In the most urban of cities, situated in the football hotbed that is the Black Country, it can be hard for local cricket to get the exposure it deserves.

Hammond believes more competitions between local clubs could help attract interest – and maybe see Wolverhampton Cricket Club competing with Wolves, or Wolverhampton Speedway, for the city spotlight.

"It's not just us, there are so many good small clubs in the area," he said.

"We should brings those games back because we don't play half the sides anymore.

"We might play Himley occasionally but we don't play Fordhouses, Penn, Wightwick & Finchfield or Codsall as much as we should. There's the Black Country T20 week but a cup organised with more local teams would be good.

"You associate Wolverhampton with football, speedway and maybe boxing, but the interest in cricket is up there."

Sykes back on track after Welsh success

STOURBRIDGE rally driver Richard Sykes heads into the Tyneside stages of British Rally Championship this weekend on the back of two successful days on the Nicky Grist Stages event in Wales.

Sykes finished first two wheel drive car on the first day and second on day two in his Batham's Brewery, G I Sykes Ltd, The Body Clinic, Staniland Marina and Summit Platforms-supported Citroën DS3 R3.

Sykes has had a relatively quiet year so far with his season not starting until the Somerset Stages in April. He was leading the "Silver Star" category for two wheel drive cars until he hit a rock which holed the radiator, forcing him into retirement. He had better luck on the Carlisle Stages in Cumbria, finishing joint first and only losing maximum points on a tie-break due to the other driver being quicker on the opening stage.

Next up is the Tyneside Stages which held on the Otterburn ranges in Northumberland on Sunday followed by an event at Donington Park and then two more Silver Star rallies, the Woodpecker and Trackrod Stages.

Gazza returns to the region for Q&A night

PAUL Gascoigne is set to return to the West Midlands later next month for a live question and answer session.

The former England star will take the stage at The H Suite in Birmingham on September 15 to tell the story of the highs and lows of his football career and beyond.

It marks Gazza's first appearance on stage in the region since his infamous 2015 show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall, which resulted in a court appearance after he admitted making a racist comment to a security guard.

The event, which is being put on by Wolverhampton-based promoters Showfighter UK, also offers meet and greet opportunities with Gazza and features a meal and a memorabilia auction.

Showfighter UK director Andy Sahota said: "Our Three Lions-themed evening will be a celebration of one of England's most iconic footballers."

Further details and tickets are available at www.showfighter.co.uk/events

Rutter is back on superbikes podium

BRIERLEY Hill-born Michael Rutter returned to the circuits after another successful stint on the roads in Finland to secure two more podiums in the National Superstock 1000 Championship.

The 45-year-old rider claimed two seconds and a fourth on the Bathams/SMT Racing BMW at Brands Hatch. It means Danny Buchan still leads the championship from Richard Cooper with Rutter maintaining third place, 13.5 points clear of Chrissy Rouse.

Meanwhile, Kurt Wigley, 21, from Hednesford, brought his Sorrymate.com Yamaha home in 11th and 12th places in the British Supersport series to sit 15th in the championship.

Twin brother Matt had an operation last week to cement his crushed vertebrae following a bad crash in the National Superstock 1000 class and is on the mend – and says he is 'looking forward to returning'.

The British Superbike support classes now head to Thruxton, in Hampshire, for round seven this weekend, from tomorow (Friday) to Sunday.

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Megson is back with the Baggies

GARY Megson revealed the lure of returning to Albion proved simply too strong to resist following his shock appointment as Tony Pulis's assistant.

The 58-year-old rejoined the Baggies, with whom he won two promotions as manager, after being announced as successor to Dave Kemp, who has chosen to retire to spend more time with his California-based family.

Megson had been out of the game since leaving Sheffield Wednesday in 2012.

"I have been out of it for a while and you get used to a certain lifestyle," he said. "There's only a few clubs that I would do this for and this is one of them.

"I loved my time here. It's a terrific club with terrific support.

"Tony rang me just before I was about to go on holiday and said what he wanted to do. I've known Tony a long time and we have similar views on how football should be played and how footballers should behave."

Megson managed Albion between 2000 and 2004, engineering their return to the top flight following a 16-year absence in 2002. He won a second promotion two years later and despite being sacked in October 2004, remains hugely popular with supporters.

Megson's father Don handed Pulis his debut as a professional at Bristol Rovers, while the pair also teamed up briefly at Stoke City.

They returned to Rovers on Saturday, as Albion ended their pre-season with a 2-1 defeat at the Memorial Ground, Craig Dawson on target for Baggies.

Smethwick are hit for sixth following ace Yates's century

SMETHWICK sit sixth in the Birmingham League division one after losing at new leaders Moseley.

The Birmingham hosts were driven to a total of 250 by Robert Yates' superb 105 from 130 balls.

The visitors were all out for 170 in response, wicketkeeper Amrinder Brar knocked 89 but Naqaash Tahir's stunning haul of 7-44 put paid to any Smethwick hopes of taking something from the afternoon.

C&R Hawks won at Old Hill in division two.

The hosts, eighth and just 11 points clear of the drop zone, were dismissed for just 78 chasing 202. Opener Valeed Butt (81) starred with the bat with Johar Ahmed taking four wickets.

A ton from Arrend de Waal Gagliano and Abdul Salom 40 took Wednesbury to 206 in the Staffs Clubs League, but it was not enough to defeat Aldridge, who scraped home with three balls to spare. Aldridge bowler Daniel Shortland took four wickets. In response, Chris De Wit (60), Nabil Yaqub (55) and Nasir Khan (45) saw Aldridge home.

Baker out to Kane rival before Benn bout

Kane Baker fights at The Venue on Saturday

KANE Baker steps into the ring in Dudley this weekend ahead of a bout against Nigel Benn's son Conor next month.

Baker, from Bartley Green, accepted the bout at short notice for the 02 Arena in London on July 1. The two welterweights were prevented from getting it on, though, when the British Boxing Board of Control discovered Baker's medical clearance had expired.

Benn, aged just 20, instead halted southpaw Michael Cole, who stepped in with a day to spare, by third round stoppage. Baker, 27, has undergone his annual medical since and passed with flying colours, so can box again.

But before the September 1 bout he takes on the rarely-stopped Qasim Hussain over four rounds at The Venue on Saturday.

Rowley Regis' Tyler Denny and Dudley's Les Byfield feature, while hot prospect Ekow Essuman will box in the Black Country for the first time as a professional.

Another Brummie, Daryl Pearce, makes up the home corner. For tickets, at £35 and £50 call 07939 588 810.

LLOYD IS EAGER TO RIDE AGAIN

"THE road course at race speed is very exciting – but you know there's no room for error."

The simple yet accurate assessment of Neil Lloyd, the 46-year-old who has this year decided to have his first proper crack at road racing.

The Wednesbury racer qualified for his first ever stint around the Southern 100 course on the Isle of the Man by the skin of his teeth.

But after getting to grips with the 4.25-mile Billown circuit, he was soon passing fellow riders and enjoying mixing it on the roads with the best in the business.

Lloyd entered his Honda VF400 into the week's two Lightweight classes – a feat made all the more difficult as out of the 41 riders attempting to qualify for the meeting, only the top 29 would make it. "We turned up to the Billown paddock and I met up with friend and ex-racer, Barry Wood, who took me round the course to help me learn it," said Lloyd.

"It all started on the Monday evening with a newcomer's lap and I also had two timed qualifying sessions. There were 41 entrants but only 29 qualifiers – I qualified 28th."

Race one was held late last Tuesday night, at 8.45pm, in glorious sunshine and Lloyd managed to make his way up seven places to finish 21st.

"The road course at race speed is very exciting but you know there's no room for error," he said.

"Race two was held at 2pm on the Thursday and, after again starting from 28th, I finished 20th. The Southern 100 Club is run in a very friendly and professional way and I'd recommend it to anyone interested in road racing."

Lloyd said there were a huge number of people to thank for ensuring his first taste of serious road racing action ran smoothly, and added he hoped to be back competing on the island next year.

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Neil Lloyd, during the first 125/400cc lightweight race. Picture: Ellan Vannin Images

It's Hall or nothing in play-offs push

RICHARD Hall is counting down the days to his Cradley debut.

Hall, a former top flight title winner with Peterborough, has been drafted in to bolster the Heathens for a late play-off push. He will make his bow at Birmingham when they face the Isle of Wight next Wednesday, August 9.

He was unavailable on Monday night, when Heathens went down 56-34 to Kent. Hall said: "For the last few years I've been involved, I just feel I've been messed around no matter where I've ended up.

"Everything seemed okay at Redcar earlier this season then they got rid of me. I then went to Peterborough and again, empty promises were made and I'd just had enough.

"I was ready to pack it all in and I was just starting to sell some of my equipment. But Cradley came calling and I couldn't say no really.

"Cradley are a massive club, especially at this level and they've still got ambitions to do well."

Drury says lessons will be learned

BIRMINGHAM boss Graham Drury admits his riders will benefit from the big learning curve they experienced during their 52-37 defeat at Lakeside last Friday.

Defeat came just two days after Brummies had moved back into the play-off places with a 54-36 home win over the Isle of Wight – despite losing star reserve Taylor Hampshire. He sustained a nasty eye injury when a bike jolted back and hit him in the face and was forced to withdraw from the rest of the meeting.

Captain Jack Parkinson-Blackburn led by example as he stormed to a faultless maximum – the second of his career.

Fellow heat-leader Liam Carr also went unbeaten by an opposition rider while Tom Bacon was only denied that feat himself when his bike took off into the air fence in his third ride.

With both Layne Cupitt and David Mason providing solid back-up as well, the Brummies were able to maintain their unbeaten home league record.

But on Friday, the Surestop Brummies registered just two heat advantages all night and struggled to cope with the dominance of home pairing Paul Hurry and Ben Morley. It was a tough night for the lads but they'll take a lot from tonight's meeting," Drury said.

"It's a tight, technical track at Lakeside and most riders struggle the first time they ever go there. Five of our lads had never even seen the place before tonight and with the rain coming down how it did, that didn't make things any easier. But they'll have learnt a lot and the next time they have to come here, they'll cope a lot better I'm sure."

Monkton is placed among the top ten

BLACK Country Triathlete Ben Monkton travelled to Snowdonia this weekend to compete in the Snowman full distance triathlon which involved a 1km swim in Llyn Mymbyr at Plas y Brenin, a 70km ride through the heart of Snowdonia National Park, followed by a brutal 9km run with the first 3km gaining about 650m of ascent to the summit of Moel Siabod. Monkton finished in an overall time of 3:44:36 and seventh overall and despite it being a tough race said he'd recommend it and would be back to race it again.

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